

Mrs. T. Anna Speer

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Mr. Speer.

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It was nice of you  
to take time and thought  
to write me. I was glad  
to hear, and know your  
plans for the summer.  
I like to know where to  
think of you all as  
being, even if I do do  
not see you often.

Most of my summer  
has been spent in quiet  
country places, trying  
to get well after my  
illness last winter. I  
have partially succeeded;  
but begin to fear it  
will be a long time  
before the old good health  
comes back.

It was such a disap-  
pointment not to see  
Mary and Margaret as  
we planned, in August.  
As you probably know,  
Charles was taken ill at  
Chautauque, and they  
went straight home.

I wonder if it would  
trouble you to give me  
a little advice about  
something? I want so  
much to publish Vic's  
poems this fall, but  
don't know just how  
to begin or what publisher  
to go to. I feel it is particu-

of his legacy to me to do  
this, and should have  
tried before had I felt  
physically able.

With love to all,

Yours,

Anna.

Longatone, N. Y.

September fourth.

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August 11th, 1911.

Mr. George G. Speer,

Denver, Colorado.

My dear George,

I believe that Walter is abroad for the Summer, so that I cannot write to him as well as to you to say that I am hoping to come out to Colorado in October and trust that I may find both you and Walter at home. The Colorado Synod holds its Fiftieth Anniversary, I believe, and I am coming for that. I hope to reach Denver Saturday morning, October 14th, and leave for Greeley Tuesday morning, October 17th, getting back to Denver on Wednesday and leaving that same day over the Burlington for Burlington, Iowa, where I have to speak on Thursday.

It will be a great pleasure to see you all again, and I hope that you are very well and that all your interests are prospering.

With warm regard, I am,

Very faithfully yours,

Dictated Aug. 10th.

C. C. ...

*Mrs. Charles L. Bailey*

~~August 31st~~  
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August 31st, 1911.

Dear Mother:

I find that I can get the train leaving Harrisburgh on Saturday evening at 6.20, and arriving in Huntingdon at 8.32, and if you are expecting to get to Harrisburgh in such time that Elliott could meet me at that train, I think I shall go out to Huntingdon then instead of on the later train leaving Harrisburgh at 7.40 and not getting to Huntingdon until ten o'clock.

Please donot trouble to write, but ask Elliott to send me a note by return mail to my office.

We have had nothing but rain this week, and I am afraid you have had a bad time of it in the car.

With much love to Aunt Bade and Mrs. Moore, I am

Very affectionately,

Mrs. Charles L. Bailey,  
c/o Mrs. James . Moore,  
College Hill,  
Easton, PA.

*Mrs. V. Speer*  
*(Speer)*

September 13th, 1911.

My dear Anna,

It was very good to get your note on coming back from Huntingdon, where Elliott and I were last week, having a splendid time visiting the old haunts and meeting the old friends. After four days there we went down to Harrisburg and visited the Gettsburg battlefield.

Mary and Margaret and small Charles had all gone out into the country to live in a tent, the doctor having prescribed absolute rest and open air for Charles. He was very much improved in health and I think there is every reason to hope that he will get quite well again.

I have had very little experience with reference to the publication of poetry, and I hardly know what to advise you with reference to Vic's poems. I am almost inclined to think that it might be better to have them published in Buffalo, if you have any publishing house there that would take hold of them. In New York, of course, Macmillan's and Scribner's are among the best houses. Possibly you would stand a better chance of having the poems published by some other house like Putnam, or Dodd, Mead & Co., or the Fleming H. Revell Company, or George H. Doran. The addresses of all these publishing houses are as follows:-

The Macmillan Company, 64 Fifth Ave., New York City.  
Cha's. Scribner's Sons, 153 Fifth Ave., New York City.  
G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2 West 45th St., New York City.  
Dodd, Mead & Co., 4th Ave. & 30th St., New York City.  
Fleming H. Revell Company, 158 Fifth Ave., New York City.  
George H. Doran Co., 35 West 32nd St., New York City.

Perhaps the best thing to do would be to get two or three of the leading newspaper men of Buffalo to write you letters about the poems and then to send these, with a letter of your own, to Macmillan, asking him whether he would be willing to look over the poems with a view to publication. If he would accept them, well and good. If not, his answer would probably be a guide as to what the next step should be.

I shall be glad to help you in any way that I can in the matter. How many of the poems are there, and are they of general interest or are they chiefly of a local interest to Buffalo people?

Emma and I are going off for a little visit just by ourselves to Bar Harbor this week, but I shall be back next week and shall be glad to be of any help to you that I can.

Very affectionately yours,

Mrs. Victor Speer,  
Youngstown, N. Y.

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Dictated Sept. 11.

Mrs. V/a Speer

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Mr. Speer.

Dear Bob. -

Thank you for your  
kind offer of advice in  
the publishing of Vic's poems,  
also for the addresses  
enclosed. I have been ill,  
or should have written  
you before. As soon as I  
am able, I will see  
about a Buffalo publishing  
house - The J. R. Matthews

he. is the only one here  
and I do not know if  
they publish books.

There are about one  
hundred and seventy-  
five poems on all topics,  
some of which have been  
pronounced by critics  
to be above the average.  
Those of local interest,  
have all been published  
in papers and magazines  
here, so I do not include  
them.

I am so glad you and  
Emma had a nice  
vacation together. Our  
harbor is beautiful, as  
I remember it six or  
seven years ago.

With much love to  
the family, and many  
thanks for your kindness,  
I am

As ever yours

Anna. P. 30

179 Livingston Ave.  
October ninth.



George Speer

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205 Boston Building

Denver Colo. Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 1911

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Mr. Speer

My dear Cousin.

On talking to Dr. Boyle Pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church he informs me some one has made arrangements here for you to speak at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Church the Sunday you are here in the morning and at Central Sunday night. Now as Central is the large church and your relations attend there could this not be reversed and speak at Central in the morning, at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Church you would speak to about 6 or 7 hundred and at Central probably two thousand, and at night the congregation is mostly transients.

Dr. Boyle informs me he has written assuring if the change cannot be made. This is it would be more satisfactory to us all including yourself.

I am telling the friends here you are going to make your headquarters at our house, they all want you, but think it will be more convenient if you stop with us and we will share you with them.

so let me know the train and time of arrival  
so that I can meet you. My home address  
is 1534 Washington St.

Why not bring Mrs. Spurr along so that we  
might have the pleasure of knowing her?

Very truly yours.

Geo. G. Spurr.

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October 3rd, 1911.

Mr. George G. Speer,  
Denver, COLO.

My dear George:

Your good note has been received. I shall look forward with very much pleasure to staying with you. Would you mind calling up on the telephone the Rev. G.P. Janness, and telling him that this is our arrangement ?

I have to be at the Synod of Nebraska on the evening of Friday, October 13th, and I expect to take the train leaving North Platte on the Union Pacific at 11.45, reaching Denver on Saturday morning at 7.35.

Thank you very much for your suggestion as to the best use of time on Sunday, but as I have left all the arrangements for meetings in the hands of Mr. Janness, I think I had better abide by whatever arrangements he and his Committee have made.

I wish it were possible to bring Mrs. Speer, but she will not be able to come. It will be a hurried trip, and while she would very much enjoy the visit in Denver, I do not think she would enjoy all the running about on railroads.

Looking forward with much pleasure to seeing you, and with warm regard I am

Very cordially yours,



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Oct. 3, 1911.

Mr. Edward Bailey,

Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Ed,

Your note of yesterday is just received. The Rev. William Sinclair, who is now at the Spring Street Neighborhood House, 244 Spring St., New York City, would, I think, be an excellent man for Dr. Smith's assistant if he should be obtainable. He is of Scotch birth, but took his seminary course in this country and then was for several years pastor of the old English-speaking Dutch Church in Colombo, Ceylon. He has now come back to settle here. I think he is under thirty, with a good experience and with ample ability for the work that you want done. I am not sure whether he would be drawn to the work of an assistant, but I know that a church in Yonkers is now negotiating with him for such a position and I think he would be open to consider any proposition from you.

There is an earnest man named Becker who has come to see me occasionally, who strikes me as a good hard-working type of man, although I don't know anything about his preaching ability or his actual work in his parish. Dr. Smith could easily make inquiries about him, however. He is a graduate of Union Seminary, but I judge of a conservative theological type. His full name is the Rev. N. S. Becker, and his address is Circleville, Orange Co., N. Y. He is a member of the Presbytery of Hudson, whose Stated Clerk is the Rev. John H. Thompson of Montgomery, N. Y. As you see, I cannot speak of Mr. Becker with quite the same assurance that I have spoken of the other man.

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I shall keep the matter in mind, and if I can think of anyone else whom I could be more sure of, I will let you know.

Very cordially yours,

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October 9th, 1911.

The Hon. Robert W. Speer,  
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Walter,

I was very glad to get the copy of "Denver Municipal Facts" containing the account of the banquet and your address after you returned from Europe. As George has probably told you, I hope to get out to Denver this month and to be in the city for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, October 14th to 16th. I am expecting to stay with George and am looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you and him again.

With warm regards, I am,

Your cousin,

Dictated Oct. 7th.



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Nov. 6th, 1911.

Miss Mary C. Speer,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mary,

Your good note from Riverside came a long time ago and now you yourself have been here and left the very day I was getting home. I am sorry you had the dentist's appointment and had to get back to Huntingdon so soon, but am glad that your appointment was so satisfactory and happy that you could be here even if only for a little while. I hope you can come back again. I don't wonder that Constance stole her way into your heart. She is one of the dearest, most loving little creatures. She was sitting out on the front steps waiting for me on Tuesday morning when I got back, and clung to me like a burr all day long. Mr. Robert Loudon had given me some enormous hickory nuts, which I gave to Constance and she prized them as much as though I had brought her diamond rings, and again and again during the day thanked me for the beautiful hickory nuts. She is playing about now alone with perfect good cheer, while I am dictating at home to-day to catch up with the accumulation of the last three weeks.

I did have a splendid trip West, one of the best I think I have ever had, and greatly enjoyed the three days in Denver with George and Anne and Walter and Kate. They were just as kind as they could be, and while the meetings were altogether too numerous, there was time in between for visiting, and I saw a great deal of them, staying with George and dining one evening at Kate's, and going about constantly in Walter's car with one or another of them. Anne couldn't say enough of her happy visit in Huntingdon, and I hope we may see them next summer here on their way to Europe, where they expect to go. Walter says he is not going to run for mayor again and Kate is more resolutely opposed than ever to his doing so, but

Miss Speer - 2.

George is skeptical as to his ability to keep out.

After leaving Denver I came straight East to Burlington, where I had to speak, and took dinner with Mr. Fleming's brother, who is a doctor there, and then went back to Fairfield, where I had a splendid day. No one could have been kinder than the Loudens. Robert Louden drove me about a good part of the time, and when we weren't using his team we were using William's. William had not been feeling very well, but he got up and came about, and it was delightful to see the old gentleman's tingling pleasure in new ideas. I felt thoroughly at home and happy. In addition to the Loudens, I saw a cousin named Speer and a cousin named Bartholomew. Of course, I visited our grandfather's grave, and did you know that our grandfather's mother is buried five miles out, near the old homestead of the Loudens and Bartholomews?

My trip was from New York to Jamestown, N. D., then to North Platte, Neb., then to Denver, Colorado, to Boulder, Greeley, Burlington, Fairfield and Chicago.

Last Sunday I was at Yale and was delighted to meet after the evening meeting Horace Dunn's son, who is named after his grandfather, old David Dunn. He is a student for the ministry in the Divinity School at New Haven.

I wish I could drop down on Huntingdon for another little visit. That was a beautiful visit that Elliott and I had in September. We enjoyed every bit of it, but I should love to be out on the old hills now, even if most of the glory of color has faded.

I hope Charles will continue to gain, and with a great deal of love to all the connection, I am,

Dictated Nov. 1st.

Ever affectionately yours,



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February 2nd, 1912.

The Hon. Robert W. Speer,  
Denver, Colo.

My dear Walter:

I was very much interested to get the copy of the Denver paper which you have bought, telling of its change of ownership, and the other day Mrs. Speer came back from Harrisburgh where she had been with her mother, bringing with her a copy of the Rocky Mountain News for December 31st, with the article "How to Get Peace" and your lovely picture. I can imagine how charmed Kate was with this. I presume this was Senator Patterson's way of welcoming you to the honorable company of newspaper proprietors!

I hope that you and Kate and George and his wife are all well, and that you have not had as bitter cold a Winter as we have had, or as they have had out in Central Pennsylvania, where all records either for cold or for veracity have certainly been broken this Winter.

With warm regards to all, I am

Very cordially yours,

*R. C. Speer*

Dictated Jan. 30th.

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February 8th, 1912.

Miss Mary C. Speer,  
234 Penn St.,  
Huntingdon, PA.

My dear Mary:

Please forgive my writing this way and leaving the letter to be signed, but I have to go in five minutes to catch a train to Chattanooga, Tenn. and from there go to Salisbury, N.C. and from there to Baltimore, so that I shall not get home until next Monday.

The box of candy came. I told Constance about it as soon as your letter was received. She said she remembered you very well and had been looking forward with great anticipation to the coming of the box. I was sorry to leave the box at home, but very glad to leave all the beautiful white candy for her. The rest of the family will enjoy the rest of the box. I must add that I had a good taste of it before leaving, and it is delicious. Thank you very much for sending it and for that splendid box which came at Christmas time.

We are all well except for some colds that will hang on in the case of the children. Indeed, I have had a bit of one for a fortnight, but am getting rid of it now. Perhaps this trip to the sunny South will dispose of the rest of it.

I send you a page from a Colorado paper which Emma brought back from Harrisburgh, which has a cartoon of Walter in it that will amuse you. I can imagine how Kate must have felt as she looked at this one.

I am very glad to know that little Charles is getting along well, and trust that all the rest of you are having a good Winter.

With warm love to all, I am  
Dictated Feb. 6th.

Affectionately your brother,

*John*

Hon. R. H. Speer

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Mr. Speer.

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Denver - Oct. 23<sup>d</sup> 1912

Dr. Robert C. Speer  
New York City.

Dear Cousin:

Kate and I are going to take a trip around the world - sailing November 16<sup>th</sup>. We expect to spend some time in ~~India~~ - Java - China - Japan as there are certain phases of life in these countries which I wish to study I would appreciate a general letter from you which I could present to missionaries for data and information, or any special letters which you think would help me.

Frank Adams is in the east - We are all well.  
With kind regards to all

Walter

(# 300 Humboldt St.)

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Nov. 6th, 1912.

The Hon. R. W. Speer,  
300 Humboldt St.,  
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Walter, I

I am delighted to know of the visit which you and Kate are to make to Asia and am sure that you will find the missionaries your best advisers and informants in the cities to which you go. I have found that they were a great deal nearer to the people and in closer touch with their actual life than any other class of foreigners, and, of course, their knowledge of the language and their constant travel through the villages and the country give them an immediate and balanced information which foreigners without the language and living in the cities do not acquire.

It is a pleasure to enclose herewith a letter of introduction. I am sending you also a copy of our Annual Report, which will show you where we have missionaries and which will also give you a good deal of incidental information.

If I could help you in any personal letters to individuals in any cities, I wish you would let me know.

I saw Frank Adams last week in Huntingdon. I stopped off there to give a lecture one evening for the benefit of the Chapel Fund of our church and Frank and his mother came up from Mt. Julian.

I hope you will let me hear from you now and then on your trip,

and especially if you find out that I can be of any service to you.

With much love to Kate and you, I am,

Your cousin,

Dictated Nov. 2nd - s/d

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Nov. 6th, 1912.

To Friends in Asia:-

I have very much pleasure in introducing herewith my cousin, the Hon. Robert W. Speer, for many years Mayor of the City of Denver, Colorado. Mr. Speer and his wife are making a trip around the world, in which he is studying problems in which he has long been interested, especially the problems of municipal life and administration. He is desirous, also, of seeing what he can of the various enterprises which are being carried forward for the good of the Asiatic peoples. It is a pleasure to introduce him to you, in the assurance that his heartiness will encourage you and that you will be glad to make sure of his learning the truth about conditions in the parts of Asia which he may visit.

Very faithfully yours,

s/d

R. H. Speer

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B.L.M.BATES.



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Dear Cousin: NOV 18 1912

Mr. Speer.

I received your letter to friends in Asia which Kate and I appreciate. As we sail in the morning will not see you. With love

Hastily  
R. H. Speer

To

Dr. Robt. C. Speer

N.Y. City.

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MAY 14 1913  
*[Signature]*

May 17th, 1913.

Mr. Charles L. Bailey,  
Harrisburgh, PA.

My dear Charlie:

Are you intending to send Charles away to school this Fall and if so, do you plan to send him to Andover? I was there Sunday a week ago arranging for Elliott in case he goes next Fall. If he does, I think the best thing would be to get him into the Stuart House, where there are seven boys under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Keep. Keep is a Yale man whom I have known a long time, and his wife was a Miss Day whom also I knew. I think we could not do better for the boys, if you are going to send Charles, than to get them both into this house. There are three double rooms and one single room in it. The single room is taken, so that any other boys going to the house would have to have room-mates, and it would be nice if Charles and Elliott could room together at least for this first year. Would this commend itself to you, and are you planning to send Charles?

I have been over the whole school question pretty thoroughly, and it narrowed down to Andover and Hotchkiss with me. I must say that I reopen the question or re-argue it in my mind almost every day, but if Charles and Elliott could start in together I think we could feel safe in our minds.

Miss Bailey, who was at the Taconic, is now at the Abbott, you know. I spoke to the girls there on Saturday evening and she made many complimentary enquiries about Emily and Frances.

With kindest regard to Mary and yourself and all the children, I am

Very faithfully yours,



EDWARD BAILEY.  
HARRISBURG, PA.

*Edward Bailey*

*✓ Fowler  
✓ Lyne  
✓ Coleman  
✓ Spaulding*

May 22nd, 1913.

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Rev. Robt. E. Speer,  
Englewood, N. J.

*Coan.  
Bible.  
Eppel ✓  
Sherer ✓  
Rodgers  
Omer Reed*

My dear Rob:

Market Square Church finds itself without a minister for the three months during the expected absence of Dr. Smith in Europe.

We had hoped to have Mr. Labaree but he has been asked to go to Edinboro, and two others whom we had counted on have disappointed us, having been offered full pastorates and consequently have declined to come to us.

Have you anyone in mind who might answer for the months of June, July and August?

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Yours,  
*Ed.*

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MAY 27 1913

May 26th, 1913.

Mr. Edward Bailey,  
Harrisburg,  
Pa.

My dear Ed,

I shall be glad to do anything I can to help you find a minister for June, July and August, and am writing at once to the Rev. Arthur B. Fowler, of Princeton Seminary, the Rev. D. L. Coleman, of Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, the Rev. W. T. Locke, one of our very capable missionaries at home from China who is now at Madeira, Ohio, and the Rev. A. K. Reischauer, from Japan, asking them whether any one of them would be free and requesting them also to communicate directly with you in order to lose no time. Meanwhile I shall make inquiries, and if I hear of any one else will let you know.

I think that any one of these four men whom I mention would be satisfactory. If you get a favorable reply from any one of them and engage him will you please let me know.

Very cordially yours,

s/s

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JUL 26 1913  
J. B.

July 25th, 1913.

Mr. Charles L. Bailey,

Harrisburgh, PA .

My dear Charlie:

I have received this morning a letter from Mr. Charles A. Parmelee, Secretary of Phillips Academy, which I enclose. I hope very much that you may decide to send Charles, and that he and Elliott can room together, or perhaps all three of the boys could be accommodated in the Stuart House, or Keep House as it is sometimes called, where I have engaged a room for Elliott. It is a double room, and he must have a room-mate, and if you do not send the two boys, but did send Charles, it would be lovely for him and Elliott to be together.

Emma and the children are all at Diamond Pond now and having a beautiful time. I hope to join them at the end of next week if I can get away.

With warm regard to Mary and the children, I am

Very cordially yours,

s/f

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July 28th, 1913.

Miss Mary C. Speer,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mary,

I was very glad to get your note confirming Aunt Clara's address, and I have just written to her. Perhaps she sees the Globe, but to make sure I sent her the clipping which you sent regarding her meeting with Dr. Schaeffer.

I am well along with the work that had to be cleared off before I could get away, and am hoping now to get off to-morrow night. It increases the pleasure of going to get away several days before one expected, and I know how happy Emma and the children will be that I am coming a little before time. I sent off my trunk and a big roll of things for the woods this morning. I am taking up a beautiful new tent which will hold more people than the tent I had last summer. That tent required four of us when we got in it to lie like sardines and gave no room to store away things around us in case of rain. The one I am taking this year will hold four or five comfortably, and leave plenty of room for all our camp things. I am afraid you would think that we were rank savages if you should see us starting off or coming back or could drop down in the woods and behold us in the joyous freedom of our Barbarian life.

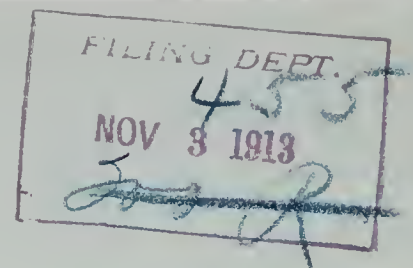
Tell Charles I will think of him and his fishing tackle when I am catching some trout. I wish he could be along and have the fun of it.

Miss Speer -2-

With a great deal of love to him and Margaret and yourself, and  
with special messages to the uncles and the aunts, I am,

Ever lovingly yours,

s/s



November 1st, 1913.

Mrs. Charles L. Reed,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntingdon, PA.

My dear Margaret:

I had a lovely day in Huntingdon and appreciate more than I can say Charlie's goodness in taking the whole day for that beautiful trip into the country. I had a comfortable ride back to New York, and we have had most beautiful clear, cold weather since. I wish we had had one of these days on Wednesday, but Wednesday had a beauty of its own.

Please tell Mary that Constance was delighted with the little man in the candy. I think she took him off to school with her on Friday.

Did I leave my pearl cravat pin on the bureau in the guest room? I noticed last evening that I was taking off my cravat that instead of the pearl pin I had an ordinary white-headed pin. I cannot imagine where the exchange was made, unless it was in Huntingdon. The pearl pin which I was wearing was a quite valuable one, and I hope very much that it is not lost. Will you see whether I left it on the bureau and took up the white-headed pin by mistake? The pearl was of the size of a small pea. If you find it, will you please pack it up in some little box or substantial envelope securely, and send it to me by registered post?

I hope that small Charles is well and had a fine halloween.

With a great deal of love to all, I am

Ever affectionately yours,

s/f

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November 26th, 1913.

Mrs. Charles Q. Reed,  
234 Penn St.,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Margaret,

I received the Cravat pin safely and thank you very much for your kindness and promptness in sending it. As I told Emma, and may perhaps have written you, I was greatly pleased with myself, that I had worn that ordinary white-headed pin for two or three days before every noticing that it wasn't the pearl pin.

I am glad you had such a fine successful kirmess, and that you cleared so much for the Orphan's Home. In one sense money earned this way is very hard earned money, when you think of all the hours of unpaid work which went into it.

I was glad to have your reference to Christmas, which reminded me that it was time for me to begin to make up my Christmas list.

I hope the diphtheria scare is over. Uncle Arthur tells me there is now a smallpox fright. I trust that this may not amount to anything serious. I was at the Hill School in Pottstown and found that they had a few cases of smallpox in the town which led all the boys to look up their vaccinations.

Please tell Mary that I received her note reporting the death of dear old Miss Kate Stewart, and that I am writing to Miss Maggie. I am so glad that we were able to see her just a few weeks ago.

With a great deal of love to you all, and thanking you again for

Mrs. Reed -2-

the happy day that I spent in Huntington,

Ever affectionately yours,

S/S



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February 12th, 1914.

Miss Mary C. Speer,  
Huntingdon,  
Pa.

My dear Mary,

Your good letters came, and I had just found out about the Atlantic Monthly after getting your first letter when your second letter was received. I am very sorry for the slip. I had given instructions that the subscription was to be sent in such a way that you would get at Christmas Time both the November and December numbers as well as the subscription for the ensuing year, but there was a mistake made, which cannot be rectified now. I am glad that the magazine began to come with the February number, and trust there may be no further hitch. You will let me know, will you not, if there should be?

I got back yesterday from a trip in Ohio, where I spoke at Akron, Cleveland, Steubenville and Wellsville. Somewhere on the trip I met people who sent their regards to you, someone who had been in Huntingdon once and had gone down to the Stone Creek Mission with you. I

I wish I could have been present at the dinner of the teachers. I went through Huntingdon going out and returning, but the first time was in the middle of the night, and the second time in the early morning, and I was so tired that I did not get up till we were nearly to Harrisburg. I had to be home for to-day which is a legal holiday, but which I have employed in working at home and in having a brief but painful operation on one of my ears which had become infected in some way and was very painful. I have

Miss Speer -2-

it bandaged up now and I think there will be no more trouble from it.

I am glad that Charles is so well and that he has escaped broken bones in his coasting. As I look back on our childhood I wonder that any of us came through alive. I remember coasting down Stone Creek Hill when we were all hurled, bob sled and all, over the hillside. Fortunately children have elastic joints and pliable bones so that they don't break as old people's do.

We have just been very greatly relieved with regard to Elliott. Last week his room mate came down with scarlet fever and Elliott had been exposed. We were in communication with the school as to whether he should be sent home or not, but decided to let him stay, and are glad that the time is now past and that he seems to have escaped. There have been three or four cases at Andover.

We are all well at home, William the picture of vigor and ruddiness. Constance went to a party yesterday, and with the excitement and the icecream is upset a little this morning, but she is very cheerful in Margaret's room.

You should come over and see us this Spring or in the early summer when Elliott comes home.

With a great deal of love from us all to you and Margaret and the Charleses,

Ever, your loving brother,

s/s

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MAR 25 1914  
*[Signature]*

March 24th, 1914.

Mr. Edward Bailey,  
Harrisburgh Trust Company,  
Harrisburgh, PA.

My dear Ed:

I heard from a friend in Boston who has been going to the Triton Club each year for some fifteen years or more, about it, and he draws a most attractive picture of it. It makes one long all the more to have a chance to go there this Summer. My misgiving is of taking the time away from Emma and the other children. Of course, Elliott and I would have the time of our lives together, but we would have to be away from the rest two or three or four weeks to make it really worth while to go, and the chance of our being able to do this is so slight that I do not think you ought to hold your privileges in the club for us if you can use it in some other way. I only wish that you and George yourselves could go, but imagine you will get even more pleasure out of the trip to Scotland.

Will came out last evening for supper, and we were delighted to see him and only wish we might have you some time.

With much love to all, and rejoicing in the good tidings about Elizabeth, I am

Very faithfully yours,

s/f

EDWARD BAILEY,  
HARRISBURG, PA

*Edward Bailey*  
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MAR 26 1914  
Mr. Speer.

March 25th, 1914.



Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Rob:

This morning I have yours of the 24th.

As I think I told you, I have two memberships in the Triton Club and nothing would give me more pleasure than to transfer one of them to you so that you and Elliott could use it this summer if you like.

It will not make the slightest bit of difference to me, for even if my plans for the summer should not be carried out, I still have the other membership and can take George with me on that. If Scotland is not available, then I would like nothing better than to combine our forces, you and Elliott, George and myself, for a four weeks trip in the Triton country. You and I, I am sure, could thoroughly enjoy it and it would be a trip the boys would remember all their lives.

Don't hesitate to say the word if you want the membership transferred to you.

With love to all.

Sincerely yours,

*E. B.*

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May 26th, 1914.

Miss Mary C. Speer,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mary:-

I have the following letter from a friend who is a prominent business man in Minneapolis:

"Some time ago I wrote you in reference to an assistant pastor who would have entire charge of our evening service and do a work among men in all that territory tributary to Westminster. This plan now has the approval of our whole Session and Dr. Bushnell's expressed approval.

Rev. Herbert W. Bieber, Tyrone, Pa., has been recommended to me for the position, but I have been unable to get any further information in regard to him. Do you know him, or could you get any definite information as to his capabilities along the line of men's work and evening service work in such a church as Westminster?

I will appreciate any information you may give me."

I have told him what I know about Mr. Bieber, who seems to be making a great success at Tyrone, judging from what some of his people told me at the Altoona meeting. I have suggested his corresponding with some of the ministers in the Presbytery, who could tell him about Mr. Bieber, but I want to send him the names of some good laymen in Tyrone. Could you tell me who the two or three best men there would be, and do you know anything about Mr. Bieber that would be of help to this Minneapolis Church?

We are all very well and happy at home. Emma is going on a motor trip in New England this week which will take her to Andover, before she comes back.

I spent last Sunday at Andover, at Bradford and Abbot Academies, and had a very happy day with Elliott who is working hard and doing very well in his school work. He is on the Debating team at Exeter and Emma may be able to get to Exeter before the Debate.

Miss H.C. Speer, #2.

I wish that you might be here for a visit with us this spring to see how the children are growing ~~So~~. Margaret is as big as ever now, and if William keeps on he will outdistance both Emma and me. We are all planning to go out to Diamond Pond this summer again. I hope Emma and the children will get off about the middle of July, I will go up and join them when I can.

We are looking forward to that visit from Margaret some time, this spring; only wish that you and both the Charleses could come too.

With warm love from us all,

Affectionately

HMS:C.

Mrs Charles E. Reed,  
c/o Mrs Victor Spear,  
179 Lexington Ave.  
Buffalo N. Y.

June 4th, 1914.

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My dear Margaret,

Mary said you were leaving Huntington to-day to spend two weeks in Buffalo and then would come over to Kingston and Englewood, so that we shall look for you in two or three weeks, and shall be delighted to see you, and only wish that Mary and the two Charleses were with you. I hope you may have a fine visit in Buffalo, with good weather. Do your best, if you have any opportunity, to facilitate the Lexington Peace negotiations.

Emma had a lovely trip last week with some friends motoring about from school to school in New England, visiting the boys and girls who were there. They included Andover, and Emma and her friends were very much pleased with what they saw there and with the boys. Elliott seems very well. I had a letter from him this morning telling of the debate they had with Exeter in which Exeter won. Elliott was on the Andover Team, and while he takes his defeat manfully, he thinks there was some prejudice among the judges. We will have him home the end of next week and it will be fine to see him.

Constance and William will give you a loving welcome when you come. They are very open hearted youngsters who stand on no bashfulness in welcoming their friends.

I wish you could bring Anna along with you. Cannot you persuade her to come?

Ever affectionately yours,

P.S. Emma has received your letter about the date of your visit.  
That will be fine.

G. G. SPEER,  
INVESTMENTS,  
DENVER.

*George B. Speer*

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Mr. Speer.

Room 205 Boston Building,

Denver Colorado, June 16th, 1914.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,

New York City.

My Dear Cousin.

Dr. Coyle our Pastor at the Central Presbyterian Church here has resigned, the committee to select a new Pastor, among other names has under consideration Rev. Robert Davis of Englewood N. J. The way I understand it is his name has been suggested by some one and they have asked me to write you to get an expression as to his ability as a successor to Dr. Coyle, they would like to know about what aged man he is and something regarding his pulpit ability.

I do not think they know anything regarding Mr. Davis wishes in the matter. With kindest regards to you, and thanking you for any information you can give them.

Yours very truly,

*G. G. Speer*



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June 23rd, 1914.

Mr. George G. Speer,  
Room 205 Boston Building,  
Denver, Colorado.

My dear George,

I was glad to hear from you in your letter of June 16th.

I saw Dr. Coyle a few weeks ago and he told me of his resignation and expected removal to California, and I sympathize with you in the difficulty of the task that you now have to find the right successor.

Mr. Davis, of whom you inquire, is my own pastor, and I can speak without any hesitation of him. He is an unusually strong preacher and a man of very attractive personality, strong, and wholesome. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Union Theological Seminary. I should say he must be about thirty years of age. He has a wife and two little children. His wife is an only daughter of wealthy parents who live in New York City, and I imagine that they would be very loath to have her go so far away as Denver, and I have no idea that Mr. Davis himself would think of going west or of leaving our church, where he has been for about four years. I think Mr. Davis is entirely competent to take Dr. Coyle's place, but as I say, I think there is very little likelihood, if any, that he would be willing to consider the matter, and his friends here would rise up in protest against the idea of your trying to take him away. At the same time I know nothing of his inner thought on such matters, and a man may oftentimes be thinking of things that others know nothing about.

Mr. Speer -2-

I hope that you are very well and that everything is going forward prosperously in th church. I met a number of Denver people recently who have spoken in the highest terms of Walter, and should say that many of those who used to abuse him are now among the foremost in recognizing what great service he has rendered to Denver.

My sister Margaret is visiting us just now from Huntingdon, having gone from Huntingdon to Buffalo to visit Anna Speer, and having stopped at Kingston to visit Will and his family.

With kindest regard to you and Walter and Kate,

Very cordially yours,

s/s

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June 23rd, 1914.

Miss Mary C. Speer,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mary,

We are having a very nice little visit from Margaret, but it is altogether too brief, and I am not seeing enough of her. Still, it is much better than might have been, for I got home Saturday noon from Wisconsin, and while I had to speak in New York on Sunday, was here for breakfast and for supper, and am working at home to-day, so that I shall see quite a little more of her than might have been the case. I only wish that you and the two Charleses were here also.

I was very much obliged for your letter regarding the Tyrene minister. I reported the facts to my friend in the west who had made inquiries and judge from a letter which has come from him that they are not very clear as to just what they can do.

I was very glad to have that old Sunday school card showing what a good writer I was in the ancient times. I really can write well now when I take time for it, but the time that is lost in writing well is not compensated for by the excellence of the writing which it produces.

Emma is to go over to Harrisburg this evening to be gone until Wednesday. Elliott is away now at the Student Conference at Northfield, and alas, my plans are very much upset for the summer as it may be necessary for me to go out to Korea, leaving about the middle of July. I hope that

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this may not be, and that I can go to camp with the family as we had planned. We shall probably have to settle the whole matter on Wednesday of this week.

It is very nice to be writing at home and hear the children's voices as they play around the house. They are very well and happy now and full of life and good spirits.

I hope that you may all have a good summer and that Margaret may not get too greatly elated with her triumphal progress through the golden gates.

With warmest love from us all.

Your affectionate brother,

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September 14th, 1914.

Miss Mary C. Speer,

Huntington, Pa.

My dear Mary,

Your good letter with its loving birthday congratulations came yesterday, and I have two other letters from you written in July and August.

My birthday passed off very smoothly and I now feel exactly as I felt not only when I was one year younger but when I was twenty years younger. Emma and the children have not yet come home from Diamond Pond, so that I celebrated the day by taking dinner with Mr. Bulkley whose birthday is the same as mine.

We had a fine summer at Diamond Pond. I went up earlier than I had expected, as Emma was not at all well after her arrival. She was laid up in bed for a fortnight or three weeks, but is quite well now, and far better than she was when she went up to camp. I <sup>stayed</sup> until last week, and then came down, leaving the family there. Margaret expects to remain until the end of the month with friends who will be there, but Emma and Elliott and the two little children are coming down to-night. Elliott and I had a number of fine fishing trips together, and the whole family had the happiest vacation that we have had since we were in Scotland. Elliott will not be home long as he leaves on Saturday for Andover.

I see by the morning paper that Mr. Roosevelt proposes to go into Pennsylvania to campaign for Vance McCormick against Martin Broombaugh for

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governor. This will make additional merriment and while I have a very friendly feeling toward Martin I should be glad to see as good a democrat as Vance in the governorship.

I have written to Mr. Moore that in view of the fact that as I was mistaken as to Mr. McAtteer's Golden Wedding Anniversary, it would be much more convenient for me to speak in Huntington on Friday night, October 23rd, as I shall be coming back that week from a Western trip. There has not been time as yet to hear from her in reply.

I enclose a little statement showing what we are having to do in the case of sending out missionaries. In my own judgment the policy outlined is a little too conservative. I would not hesitate to send women missionaries to India and to send them by the Mediterranean, but so many people in these days are afraid of being hurt or even of being frightened that I suppose it is best, on the whole, for a Mission Board to be ultra-conservative. Only, personally, I believe in always expecting the best and not the worst, and also I think that if we are never to do the foreign missionary work except when there is no danger or inconvenience of any kind we are likely never to do it at all.

I am glad to hear of Charles' entrance upon the dignity of the High School. It makes me young again to remember the old building, then the old building that preceded that when you and I went to Mr. Sanderson, and then the old academy building where I went to Miss Wilson, and then the old school back of the great house which Mr. Burback taught, and then the first school of all in the old academy building at the entrance to the cemetery where Aunt Nime taught me my letters and Uncle Moffatt brought me, as I can remember distinctly, my first reader and slate. That was 116 years ago, although it seems only yesterday.

With much love,

Every affectionately,

S/S

dictated September 11th, 1914.

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September 14th, 1914.

Mrs. Charles E. Reed,

234 Penn Street,

Huntington, Pa.

My dear Margaret,

I was very glad to get yesterday your letter of birthday congratulations. As I have written to Mary, I was at home alone and so went down to celebrate with Mr. Bulkley, a neighbor, whose birthday is the same as mine. I received two boxes of fudge for birthday presents from people who know how strong are my convictions that it is the duty of the human race to eat up all the fudge and other sweeties that now exist or that shall in the future exist. Such things are a great danger and should be eaten at once.

I got the postal card with the picture of the golden gate, and indeed, dear sister, I was bitterly disappointed to see those old yellow painted gate palings. I had expected to see something grand and royal and not a gate like a pasture gate, through which the natural herds to advance would be a flock of gentle kine. I knew that the honor is a great honor, no matter what the gate looks like, but if I ever visit you out on Jakgy Broombaugh's farm or any other farm, Charles and I will erect a golden gate and pass you through it that will beat Chautauqua out of sight. All the same I wish I could have been there to join in the shouts of glory and triumph, only I warn you that I would not join in any Chautauqua salute. I am reserving all my Chautauqua salutes until I am committed to some home for imbeciles.

I am glad to learn of Charles' entrance on the high school, and I hope he may have as happy days there as I did in the years long gone by.

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With warmest love to you all,

Your affectionate brother,

s/s



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September 30, 1914.

Mrs. Victor Speer,  
179 Lexington Avenue,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Anna:

Your note regarding my engagement with the Twentieth Century Club on November 4th is received. I hope to get out to Buffalo on the train which is due at 9:55 in the morning. I have had no word from the Methodist ladies about entertainment and as I am leaving that night to return to New York, perhaps it is not necessary for me to trouble them. I should be glad to meet you at the Club if you will give me its address, between eleven and eleven thirty. As to luncheon, I should be very glad to stay with you, but shall be entirely satisfied to have luncheon just with you without inviting any men, although there are, of course, a number whom it would be a pleasure to see, but I do not think it is necessary to go to the trouble of inviting them to luncheon.

As to the subject, which would you prefer, "What are Foreign Missions Trying to do", or "Christian Missions and the Present World Situation", or "Christianity and non-Christian Religions", or "Our New Duty Toward Latin America."

Anna and the children would want to send a great deal of love.

Affectionately yours brother.

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October 13, 1914.

Mrs. Victor Speer,  
179 Lexington Avenue,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Anna:

Your good note has been received. I see that Mrs. Runsey is to be my hostess in connection with the meeting of the Methodist Missionary Society.

Please do not trouble to come down to the station to meet me. I shall go from the station straight to Mrs. Runsey's and go from there to the Club House by eleven o'clock.

As to titles, I emphatically dislike being called "Dr." and hope that you will stick to "Mr." and have others do so.

With much love from us all, I am,

Ever affectionately yours,

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November 23rd, 1914.

Mr. Edward Bailey,  
Harrisburg Trust Co.,  
Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Edward:-

I think that Professor Charles S. Lane of the Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn., who was formerly a member of Mr. Richardson's Presbytery, the Rev. Frank M. Carson, D.D., of Greenwich, Conn., and the Rev. Howard A. Johnson, of Stamford, Conn. would be the best ministers to ask regarding Mr. Richardson among our Presbyterian ministers. I think, if I were you, I would inquire of one or two of the leading Congregational ministers also. I am told that two of the leading men there are the Rev. J. L. Beard, Park Street Congregational Church, and the Rev. Henry C. Woodruff, of the Black Rock Congregational Church. I have asked Dr. Halsey whether he knows Mr. Richardson and he tells me that he does very well, and that Will Schell knows him even better. I have asked Dr. Halsey whether he won't write to you and I am asking Will Schell also to do so. Dr. Halsey says that the Pine Street Church tried to get Mr. Richardson but he was unwilling to consider it. Their Committee went to hear him and must have a good deal of material I suppose with regard to him. I do not know who were on the Pine Street Committee in addition to John Boyd, but you would probably know and could get any letters which they had gathered.

Dr. Halsey says that a class mate of his, who is a lawyer downtown, named William R. Wilder, 45 Cedar Street, New York, knows Mr. Richardson quite well, and that it might be well to ask him in judgment.

Please let me know if I can be of any help at any time.  
Ever faithfully yours,

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December 7th, 1914.

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,  
Englewood, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Speer:-

The address of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dunlop  
is, Pickering College, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada. Mr. Speer  
asked me to send you this information.

Very faithfully yours,

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December 22nd, 1914.

Mrs. Charles E. Reed,  
234 Penn Street  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mig,

I was delighted to get my Christmas present and we have not waited until Christmas day to enjoy it, but morning, noon and evening are relishing it. William and Constance have been greatly pleased with all that they found in it and they think it would be a good plan to fill Margaret's stocking when she hangs it up out of the barrel. It has been good to have the old home kind again and I have thoroughly enjoyed them.

We are looking forward of course with great expectations to what William calls Christmas Day. His mind is a little confused, I think, as to the personality of Santa Claus, but only delightfully so, and he is sure it is going to be a great day. Elliott came home safely on Friday and we were happy to have him. The week before he came his dormitory burned down in the middle of the night and he was just able to climb out and down the fire escape in his night clothes, losing every possession that he had. He is stocking up with a new outfit now, accordingly, and thinks that Santa Claus cannot be too utilitarian to suit him.

I sent some little packages to you and Mary and Charles last week. Tell Charles that he must not break his head with his and that the next time I come home I want to see him use it like a regular bushman.

With a great deal of love to you all, and wishing you the happiest

Mrs. Reed -2-

of Happy Christmas Days,

Your affectionate brother,

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MAR 18 1915  
J. B.

March 18th, 1915.

Mr. Edward Bailey,  
Harrisburg Trust Co.,  
Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Ed.;

Emma asked me whether I could send you any word regarding Mr. Bennett of the Summit Church in Germantown. Yes, I have known him ever since he came to college, where he was two or three years, I think, after me. He is a most energetic, faithful man. I have never heard him preach but imagine he is a good preacher and know that he has published a volume of his "Children's" sermons. I should expect to find him one of the tireless, indefatigable pastors, and I believe he is a man whose whole soul is unselfishly devoted to his work. Dr. Hudge will know him well I think, if you wanted to consult him.

I enclose a tentative statement of our itinerary in our coming trip. This will probably be corrected, but you may be interested in glancing over it to see roughly what our plans are.

I have to be in Pottstown on Sunday, April 11th, and may possibly go over to Harrisburg Saturday morning to say goodbye to you and to see Aunt Sade, before taking the afternoon train to Chicago, where I shall have to catch one of the fast Tuesday trains for San Francisco.

I hope that you and Elizabeth and the children are all well. I mailed a letter to Caroline in Elizabeth's care to-day, from Marion Meggs. She knew that Jim and Caroline were in New Orleans but did not know their address.

With kind regard to all,  
Very affectionately yours,

RES:C.

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March 19th, 1915

Miss Mary E. Speer,  
#234 Penn St.,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mary:-

At the meeting of the Board on Monday, March 15th, plans for our trip were definitely settled and Dr. and Mrs. Bovaird and I are now expediting to sail from San Francisco April 17th on s/s "Korea." Mr. Day, who is in England, will go from there out to meet us in Siam. I had hoped for a time that we could go Eastward as I wanted to see some people in Great Britain and have several conferences in London and to meet some of the workers in Colombo, Ceylon, and also I should have liked to have occasion to go through the Suez Canal and the Mediterranean. On the other hand, there is a risk of getting over to England and being tied up and a man whom I know from Siam who has just been here and who is returning this month strongly advised our going by way of the Pacific. On the whole, this does seem to be the most reasonable thing to do. At any rate it lands us far off in Southwest Asia by an American ship.

I enclose a copy of our rough itinerary. Somebody asked yesterday why we did not furnish an itinerary showing just where we would be each day, and I replied that I had prepared such a plan as that for Emma and I around the world and that it was spoiled utterly within three or four weeks after we had reached Asia. It is a great deal easier to have looser arrangements which wander and modify from time to time as circumstances require.

I think that I am almost ready now to pack up when the time comes, as it is amazing how many things have to be thought of in advance merely in getting the material ready for such a trip, all the work left behind that has to be planned for and the work abroad that has to be anticipated.

We are all very well and happy at home, and are wondering when you are coming. I was delighted to hear from Emma that you had promised to come, and we have been counting on having you here at the same time that Elliott is home on his vacation.

I had a nice letter from Mr. Fleming today but he takes the appointment of Leshar very much to heart.

I enclose a little statement about conditions in Persia which will show you another distressing situation we have to deal with and a worse cablegram has come since this leaflet was printed.

William and Constance and Margaret are all the picture of health these days and are eager to see you, as Elliott would be if he knew there was a possibility of your coming. I hope you have been gaining steadily since coming home from the hospital and that the maid whom Margaret had found is proving a real comfort. With a great deal of love to you all,

Your affectionate brother,



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April 5th, 1915.

Mr. William M. Speer,  
Kingston, N.Y.

My dear Will;

I am so glad I got up and had Saturday with you and am glad to know that you have gained so much and are now so much better than you have been. I hope you will continue to gain steadily and may have a thorough rest this summer.

Emma and Margaret were delighted to know that you would approve of Peggy's and Ella's going to the Maine Camp with Margaret. I hope you will certainly carry out this plan.

I enclose a copy of our proposed itinerary. It will probably be upset before we have gone very far, but it represents what we shall set out to try to do. As you see, we hope to be back by Thanksgiving time and I trust that nothing will prevent.

With the prayer that we may all be kept in health and strength and brought together safely then, and hoping that you will all plan to come and spend Thanksgiving Day with us, as you could easily do if you are at Nyack, and with much love to all the family, I am,

Ever affectionately yours,

Your brother,

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October 5th, 1915.

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,  
Englewood, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Speer;

A request has come from the Methodist Press of Santiago, Chile, to publish in small pamphlet form a Spanish translation of the chapter on "Truth" in Mr. Speer's book "The Marks of a Man". They have been given a sum of money to have this printed. There can be no return to the author or the holder of the copyright. As soon as I hear from you and the owners of the copyright, I shall write to Chile.

I enclose a copy of "The Laos News" which sketches Mr. Speer's visit in North Siam from the missionary point of view. This copy need not be returned.

With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

GTS:C.

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December 7th, 1915.

Mrs. Charles E. Reed,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Margaret,

Your good note about the apple barrel came yesterday, and the apple barrel itself also is here. I have not seen it yet, but shall hope to sample it soon. I am getting together a little package to send to your household, and shall hope to be able to get it off soon, but I haven't the superlative virtue of promptitude which you have.

I am hoping to get up to Andover for Sunday to speak to the boys and to see Elliott, and then within a week we shall have him home for the Christmas holidays. It is very nice to have Will and his family back at Pierremont although we are sorry that Peggy and Ella have given up coming down to Englewood to school.

With warmest love to all,

Your Brother,

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January 3rd, 1916.

Miss C. L. Huston,  
5521 Wayne Ave.,  
Germantown, Pa.

My dear Cousin Annie,

It was a great pleasure to get your card of the 27th and I do not need to tell you how good it is to be home again with Emma and the children.

I should be very glad indeed to stop off sometime this winter in Philadelphia to speak at a drawing room meeting, and could come for either Saturday afternoon, January 29th or Monday afternoon, January 31st. I have to be in Pottstown Sunday the 30th, and in Philadelphia at the Social Union on Monday evening, the 31st. Then I have to leave on February 2nd for Panama to attend the Missionary Congress there, and shall not be back until the end of the month. I do not expect then to be in Philadelphia again until the middle of April.

I hope that you are very well and with best wishes for the new year, and much love from us all, I am,

Your sincere friend,

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January 4th, 1916.

Miss Mary C. Speer,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mary,

Your good notes of December 15th and 28th are both unanswered, although I think I wrote, and hope I did, thanking you for the candy box which was devoured with great satisfaction. The poems in the Globe were not as good as the candy, but they were very choice. I feel almost like writing one myself, but feel that this would be intruding on your preserves. If our family is to contribute anything to this grand series the responsibility falls to you.

I am glad you like the Korean finger bowls. It was a great pleasure to get them, although I was almost afraid I would have to leave Seoul without them, as I had no time to go to the shops and had to send out for somebody to bring the bowls to the house. Ordinarily this is not difficult at all as the moment one arrives in an oriental home the servants send word to the shops, and representatives are sure to call very soon. It is quite convenient and saves one a great deal of trouble. I was glad to have a number of things from the trip for Christmas surprises here, - a big tiger skin from Siam for Elliott, a Korean Girls' silk dress for Constance, some Philippine doilies and Cantonese tea-set and some beautiful old Japanese China ware for Emma, some Philippine embroidered shirtwaists and a Japanese teaset for Margaret. The chinaware was a triumph because I brought it home by hand all the way from Kanazawa, Japan without breaking a thing.

Miss Speer -2-

We had the happiest of Christmas days, at home in the morning, and then at Will's for all the afternoon.

I am glad the Great Aunts were pleased with the little things sent them. I wish I could have come along to tell more about them.

I also got travelling bags for Christmas - two beauties. One from Emma, and the other a suit case. Mr. Day and I gave a dinner to all the workers connected with our Board last week. Counting husbands and wives and friends there were nearly a hundred there, and we had a grand time, but our breath was entirely taken away when toward the close of the dinner they presented Mr. Day and me each with a beautiful Crouch and Fitzgerald suit case. It is a real satisfaction to know that there is at least one firm left like Crouch and Fitzgerald which makes nothing but absolutely the best work with a perfectly fair charge.

I am expecting to go down to Panama for the month of February to the Missionary Congress there, but shall not be gone more than four weeks. There will be a series of after conferences held around South America, but Dr. Halsey will go on to these.

Elliott left for Andover last evening. We miss him very much. You will feel it when the day comes for Charles to go. I hope that you are all well, and with a great deal of love to everybody.

Your affectionate brother,

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January 6, 1916.

Mrs. C. C. North,  
1401 N. Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Aunt Lizzie;

I do not see any prospect of getting to Washington this winter or spring so that I do not know when there will be a chance of seeing you and Uncle Cale. I am, therefore, sending you herewith several little mementoes of our recent trip to the Far East. For nearly eight months I was away visiting Siam, the Philippines, China, Japan and Korea. One of the most beautiful places that we saw was Nikko, and I am sending a picture of one of the water falls there. I am sending also a little Japanese brass bell and a stone from the Philippines, which has been washed into its present form by the waves and also a little bone elephant from Japan for Margaret. Margaret can hang this on her chain for good luck, although it does not represent our politics.

I hope that you all had a good Christmas time. We spent the afternoon with Will and his family and had a most happy day. Would not it be fine if we could have a great reunion such as in the old times; some of the older generation would be gone but there would be a number of the new generation to take their places?

Mama and I send a great deal of love to all of you. With very best wishes for the New Year,

Your affectionate nephew,

RES:C.

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January 10th, 1916.

Miss C. L. Huston,  
5521 Wayne Avenue,  
Germantown,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Cousin Annie;

I shall look forward with pleasure to coming to your house for the drawing room meeting at 3:30 on the afternoon of January 31st. I am sorry I shall not be able to stay for dinner as the meeting of the Presbyterian Social Union, at which I am to speak, in the city in the evening, is, I believe, a dinner meeting.

Very cordially yours,

RES:C.



Miss C. L. Huston

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Mr. Speer  
Dear Cousin

I am glad to know that you can give me time for an afternoon drawing room meeting. I will decide upon Monday afternoon Jan 31<sup>st</sup> & may I come 3.30 as the hour for the meeting & also will you remain with us for dinner that night?

Hastily & cordially  
C. L. Huston

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January 18th, 1916.

Mr. Charles Reed, Jr.,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Charles,

I thank you very much for the pictures that you sent me of Queenie and yourself, and your great great aunts. There are three of them, so don't you think they ought to be great great great aunts? I hope they may live to be so.

I am writing letters at home to-day. Margaret and Constance and William have all just come home from skating. William has his first single runner skates now, and he finds it a little hard to keep his ankles stiff, but he will learn. I suppose you have great fun this winter coasting and skating. I wish I could go with you way up to Stone Creek on the long skating trips that we used to take when I was a boy.

With much love to all,

Your affectionate Uncle,

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January 28, 1916.

Miss M. C. Speer,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntington, Pa.

My dear Mary;

I was glad to get your nice letter of the 26th. I expect to sail next Wednesday, February 2nd, for Panama and hope to be back by the end of the month, if I am not detained in Cuba, where I expect to see Fred Snare in Havana. We have had interesting times preparing for the meeting at Panama. The High Church Episcopalians have opposed it because they think it is an attack on the Roman Catholics; some of the ultra-Protestants have opposed it because they think it is not enough of an attack. I judge, accordingly, that we must be pretty nearly right. I enclose herewith a copy of a statement that I made at a recent meeting about the Conference answering some of the questions.

Wellesley Holmes telegraphed me about his father's death and I should have gone to the funeral if it had not been for other engagements and for the congestion of these last days before I get away. Jack Holmes went up and called me up on the telephone on his return and told me of his trip. He is in Far Rockaway, L.I. and I see him now and then.

We are all very well and happy, and I shall be glad when I get back from Panama that there are no more long trips ahead. I am dictating at home to-day and am just about done. The children have just come in from their play and I must get ready to go into town for the evening where Emma and I are to be at dinner and spend the night. Then I have to go to Boston for Sunday and speak at Germantown Monday afternoon and Philadelphia on Monday evening. The meeting in the evening is a joint meeting of the

Miss M. C. Speer,

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Social Unions of different denominations and I believe there are to be some 1100 men at the dinner in the Scottish Rites Hall on Broad Street.

I expect to spend all day Tuesday at home however getting ready and clearing up various matters that need to be done before I can sail on Wednesday.

I am glad to know that you are all well. Please give my love to all the household and to the great aunts .

Ever affectionately your brother,

RES:C.

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Marbh 7th, 1916.

Mr. Edward Bailey,  
Harrisburg,  
Pa.

My dear Ed,

I returned from Panama a week ago yesterday, having had a fine trip, although it was a little rough coming back from Havana. The meetings were a great success.

I have received a letter from Mr. Curtis with reference to the Christian Endeavor Convention in July, and wish I could come, but if I don't go up early to Diamond Pond with Emma and the children I shall probably have to be at Northfield at the time of the proposed Convention, at one of the conferences which I have promised to attend there. I am sorry that I am not free as I would gladly come if I were.

Emma tells me that you will be over on Saturday and that we are to have the pleasure of lunching with you in town. It will be good to see you again, and with much love to Elizabeth and the children,

Ever affectionately yours,

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March 20th, 1916

Miss Mary C. Speer,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mary,

Thank you very much for the clipping from the Christian Herald. I do not see the Christian Herald, and am not particularly edified by it when I do see it, and I cannot say that the article on the Panama Congress rose above the usual level. The young man who wrote the article is addicted to the modern scrappy style with as much personality as possible and his frequent change of subject. He means to help the Cause along, however, and judge from the way in which this style of writing is increasing and has invaded even the Sunday School Times, that there must be people who like it and are helped by it.

I had an invitation the other day to a Centennial of the Williamsburg Church the first week in May, and as that will be about the only time I can get out to Huntingdon this Spring I accepted. It will be a beautiful time of the year, and it will be nice to have a little glimpse of the country again. Perhaps I can come for a day or two at that time on the chance of getting some automobile rides. The evening I promised to speak at Williams-town was May 3rd.

I don't remember whether I send you a little book of Bible Studies on the Gospel of John, which I published just before I started abroad last Spring. If I have already sent you a copy, pass this additional one on to some one else. Maybe Anna Fisher would like to see it.

With a great deal of love to all,

RES/MS

Ever affectionately yours,

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SECRETARIES

May 1st, 1916.

Miss Mary C. Speer,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntington, Pa.

My dear Mary;

If it took any extra time to breathe, I am sure I should not have been able to find it these last few weeks, and it is only now that I have a chance to just send a note about my coming up to Williamsburg this week. I had counted on having several days at Huntington, but that will not be possible. I shall come out Tuesday night on the train reaching Huntington at 6:13, Wednesday morning. Please do not get up early on my account. If I can possibly get from Williamsburg to Altoona in time for a mid-night train Wednesday night I must do this, otherwise I must get an early morning train on Thursday back to New York either from Altoona or from Huntington. I am sorry that this will give me only the one day, but I am glad to have any time at all.

With warmest love to all,

Your brother,

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May 10th, 1916.

Mr. William McM. Speer,  
Sparkill,  
N.Y.

My dear Will,

I was in Huntington last week for a day, having gone over to speak at the Centennial celebration of the founding of the Old Presbyterian Church at Williamsburg. Aunt Clara and Mig and Charlie Reid and Young Charles and I drove over in Aunt Clara's car. It was a beautiful ride over excellent roads, far better than I can over yesterday in an automobile from Princeton.

Everybody seemed quite well, although the great aunts are pretty shaky from rheumatism, and Uncle Stewart speaks of having less strength than usual.

I went over the house with the girls and they spoke to me regarding the old law offices which are absolutely useless now and becoming increasingly objectionable through the decay of the roofs and the little back fence. The girls raised the question of having the offices turn down and a brick wall put around along the street line, making the back of the house very much more attractive and remove buildings which are not only of no service but are becoming objectionable. They were afraid that you would not approve, and of course one does dislike to see the old land marks go, but these particular landmarks are serving no useful purpose, and might, it seems to me, better be removed.

Fisher Bailey has town down the old Jackson house and the Stewart residence and the offices across the street, and is going to build a new home in the center of the lot, made up of the old Jackson and Stewart places. A brick bearing the date of 1808 was taken out of the house as they tore it down.



Mr. McM. Speer -2-

I hope you will feel that you can write to the girls approving of the plan of removing the offices.

With much love to Margaret and the children, and hoping to get up sometime this Spring when you will be at home,

Affectionately,

Your Brother,

RES/MS

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June 13rd, 1916.

Mrs. Victor Speer,  
179 Lexington Ave.,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

My dear Anna,

I have received the enclosed blank from Mr. Alfred Johnson,  
36 Monmouth Street, Brookline, Mass. He writes in behalf of the  
Class of '90 in Phillips Academy to which Vic belonged for a while.  
Could you fill it up and return it to Mr. Johnson?

I hope that you are very well, and trust that you may have  
a fine summer.

Very affectionately yours,

RBS/MS



July 3rd, 1915.

The Hon. R. Walter Speer,  
Denver, Colo.

My dear Walter;

I hear you are back in the saddle again and that Denver has once more the best Mayor it ever had. I wish I could come out and see you at work again.

I was out West twice this last year having crossed the Continent to sail from San Francisco in April 1915 and having landed at Vancouver on my way back in November, neither time however did I go through Denver or I should certainly have come to see you. We had a fine visit in the East and I am taking the liberty of sending you herewith a copy of the Report of our Deputation on its return.

I hope that you and Kate are both very well, and with warm regards to you and her and George, I am,

Affectionately your cousin,

RES:C.

*Robert Walter Speer*

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Mr. Speer

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER  
ROBERT W. SPEER, MAYOR

July 25, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,

156 5th Ave., New York City, N. Y.,

My dear Robert:--

I want to thank you for the copy of the report of your deputation in the Far East.

I was opposed to the commission form of government for Denver. Some friends and myself prepared a charter amendment abolishing it and giving to the Mayor greater powers than any city in the country. My name was placed in the amendment as the first mayor under it and the vote was complimentary. The city has been in debt for four years. I have been able to reduce expenses over eighty thousand dollars per annum and want to clear the \$250,000<sup>debt</sup> by the end of the year. My task is not an easy one, but I knew what it was before entering the contest.

Frank Adams is in the east, but is expected back next month.

Mrs. Speer has not been feeling well but is very much better. We all would be glad to see you in Denver. Arrange to stop over next trip west.

Yours sincerely,

*R. W. Speer*

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July 15th, 1916.

Miss Mary C. Speer,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mary;

I was very glad to get your Fourth of July letter, which came to me at Bar Harbor, where Emma and I went for a few days' visit in Mrs. Kennedy's beautiful home. Bar Harbor is a wonderful place, combining sea, green lawns and high hills, and what with Mrs. Kennedy's yacht and automobiles and tramps over the mountains, we had a most beautiful visit. Emma and I came back to New York together, but I had to leave at once, without going home, for Northfield, and from there went to Clifton Springs to the Annual Meeting of the Trustees. We are home together again now, except Elliott, who is visiting some of his cousins at Eagles Mere. Emma and Margaret and Constance and William are going up to Diamond Pond next Wednesday and Elliott and I hope to be able to follow them the next week. We had several good warm days this week which made one long for the comfort of Camp Diamond, but last evening and this morning have been delightfully cool and taking the spring and summer together we certainly have no reason to complain of high temperature.

William is beginning to look like quite a grown up boy now with his hair cut short and Emma feels very badly to have all his long curly-headed infancy over.

Will evidently very much enjoyed the Huntingdon trip. I wish I could have been there at the Sunday morning service. It is too bad that Auntie Prue is not living still to give him a good kiss in front of all the

Miss M. C. Speer, #2,

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congregation. He ought to have a chance to correct the erroneous theology of the professor.

It is good to know that the bungalow on the Branch is ready for the summer and I hope you may all have a very fine, healthful time there.

With a great deal of love to all,

Your affectionate brother,

RES:C.

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SECRETARIES

September 20th, 1916.

The Hon. Robert W. Speer,  
Denver, Colo.

My dear Walter:

I was very glad to get your note of July 25th when I came back after some weeks of good vacation in Northern New Hampshire, camping out in the woods and trout fishing. We did not get such big ones as you get in Colorado, but I think we got more of them. I still dream of the day when I can get up to some of those places you have told me about in the mountains and try the Colorado fishing for myself.

Some time ago I heard from a gentleman in Philadelphia saying that he had a bible which had belonged to my father as a boy, and that he would be glad to send it to me. I told him I would be very happy to have it, but when he came to look at it he found that it had not belonged to my father but to yours. I think that you ought to have it accordingly, and I am sending it to you herewith. You will find a little note written in the back of the Bible.

I hope that Kate is well, and that you and she will be coming East some time this winter. Please be sure and come and see us in Englewood when you come.

I expect to go out to Huntingdon on Friday and if it is a nice day shall get out into the country.

With warm regards,  
Your cousin,

RES:C.

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*R. W. Speer*

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER  
ROBERT W. SPEER, MAYOR

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October 3, 1916.

Mr. Robert A. Speer,

156 Fifth Ave.,

New York City, N. Y.,

My dear Rob:--

I want to thank you for sending me the old Bible, which belonged to my father.

Kate's two sisters from Michigan have been with us for a month and we made a six hundred mile automobile trip through the mountains. I never knew that we had such scenery and so many trout before.

I do wish that you would spare some time next summer and let me show you something of Colorado's wild beauty.

We are all well.

Sincerely yours,

*R. W. Speer*



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December 15th, 1916.

Mr. William McMurtrie Speer,  
Spark Hill, N.J.

My dear Will;

I have arranged with the Pennsylvania Railroad to have train #27 leaving Pennsylvania Station in New York at 10:04 A.M. on Saturday, December 23rd, stop at Huntingdon, where it is due at 4:44 P.M. This train is due to leave Manhattan Transfer at 10:25, and our family will take it there. I have reserved the drawing room and five seats, #22 to #26, inclusive, in Car #1, and will get the tickets for these.

Will you take the train at Pennsylvania Station in New York or at Manhattan Transfer? If the former, I will send you four of the parlor car tickets.

Returning from Huntingdon the Pennsylvania Road has promised to stop Train #26, which passes Huntingdon at 10:57 A.M., Tuesday, December 26th, due in New York 5:33 the same afternoon, and I have reserved, through the Agent at Altoona, Charlie Fuller, with whom I used to play in Mt. Union, parlor car seats for all of us on that train.

We are all looking forward with great expectations.

With much love to all,

Your affectionate brother,

RES:C.

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December 19th, 1916.

Miss Mary C. Speer,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mary,

On getting home last night after havin' been away over Sunday I found your good letter telling about the Christmas arrangements. We are all looking forward with great expectations. We expect to come on the Commercial Express which they have promised to stop for us at Huntingdon,, where it is due at 4:44 Saturday afternoon. Whatever arrangements may be made will be just right, only we all want to be all just as little trouble as possible.

Yes, I have promised to speak for Dr. Daubenspeck in the morning, but have been bold to decline Mr. Patten's invitation for the Reformatory at 1:45 in the afternoon. With so short a time in Huntingdon it seemed to me it wasn't my duty to spend the half of Wednesday afternoon other there.

The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary doings were very interesting, but I am glad they did not last any longer. I will show you on Saturday the beautiful watch which William likes to set off.

With much love to all, and looking forward eagerly to our visit,

Ever your affectionate Brother,

RES/MS

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December 27th, 1916

The Hon. Robert W. Speer,  
Denver, Colo.

My dear Walter;

I was very glad to get a copy of "The Rocky Mountain News" for December 9th containing your speech on the gifts which had been made or were to be made for the purification of Denver. It is good to know of all the progress that the city is making under your administration. I wish I could come back and see it and shall hope that there may be opportunity to do so before you decide that you do not want to be Mayor any more.

Walter and I with our families are going out to Huntington for Christmas. We have never been there before together and we want to get back for as big a re-union as possible before more breaks come in the ranks of the older members. I wish that you and Kate could be there with us.

With kind regards to you both and to George and Frank, I am,

Affectionately your cousin,

RES:C.

Dictated December 21st, 1916.

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SECRETARIES

February 21st, 1917

Miss Mary Speer,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mary,

Your good letter came yesterday, and I was just about writing to you in acknowledgment of a good unanswered letter which I found among papers on my desk on Monday. Monday was a Legal Holiday but the children were at school so that, with the exception of an hour when William and I went out hunting bears, which, if one only has eyes to see them, throng the woods all around us and need to be shot with a new air rifle which he got at Christmas, I spent the whole day clearing up odds and ends writing three or four articles and arranging papers and planning work. It was a fine day. If we could only have one holiday a week I think I could get a great deal more done.

Thomas Lowden's last poem is, I think, about the worst he has written. I had not seen it until you sent it. Such poetry comes near to crime. "Iowa" had genius in it, but this last one has not anything.

We have had colder weather yet since you wrote your letter. Yesterday with us was the coldest day in winter, the thermometer registered three below zero in the morning, and the day before the thermometer did not go above eighteen all day.

How I wish I could have been in Huntingdon on Monday to share in the Golden Anniversary. I must write Mr. Simpson sending my congratulations.

Elliott is coming home this next Friday night, to remain on

Miss Mary Speer, #2,

2/21/17.

Sunday. I was to have been away, but fortunately my engagements have shifted so that I shall be at home. I have to be away a great deal this winter, in connection with various Missionary Campaigns. The shifting between this last Sunday and next was caused by Dr. Steiner's illness as he had to give up an appointment and I transposed mine to fill up.

Next week I have to go West again to Michigan and Chicago, and St. Louis, but that will be the last far away trip I think until June, unless I should have to go to Mexico this spring, which I should hope not to have to do, although I would like to go down and see what the conditions are at present.

We are all very well are home and I am dictating there to-day. It is nice to look out on the snow and the trees and to sit in front of a warm open fire. With a great deal of love to you all,

Affectionately your brother,

RES:C.

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June 15th, 1917.

Miss Mary C. Spear,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mary,

It was lovely to have the day in Central Pennsylvania, and good to have such beautiful weather. I enjoyed every hour of it from the first to the last, although I didn't know how I was going to survive the quantity of strawberries and icecream that I ate at dinner.. I wish I might have had Constance and William along. I must bring them out sometime, and also Marnie in the summer that they may see all that Elliott saw when he and I spent a week in Huntingdon five years ago.

On returning home I found a letter from Elliott to Emma written in London enclosing his diary notes across the Atlantic. I enclose a copy. Will you please let Aunt Clara, Uncle Stewart, and Nucle Arthur see it, and also the great aunts.

Patty and Willie have new gardens laid out on the side lawn, and when I came home the other evening they were so delighted with them that they were eating their supper on the grass beside the gardens. Willie also has a great rabbit hutch in which he expects to raise Belgian hares, so that the food problem seems to be in a good way to be solved.

Marnie is at Northfield at the Girls' Conference and Emma was talking at breakfast of going up either to-day or to-morrow to spend Sunday there with her.

With a great deal of love to you all, and grateful memories of all the kindness which you all showed, and specially for Charley's kindness in giving up the whole day,

Your loving Brother

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July 10, 1917

Miss Mary C. Speer  
234 Penn Street  
Huntington, Penna.

My dear Mary:

I am sending you herewith a copy of Elliot's chief letters and diary down to June 20. I think you will be interested in reading it and perhaps Aunt Clara and the uncles and grand-aunts may be interested in extracts from it. Please make sure that nobody else sees them. You will notice there are a good many personal comments which were purely for the family. Please let me have it back when you are quite through with it.

We are all very well and happy at home and rejoicing in this cool summer weather. We hope to go up to Diamond Pond by the first of August. William is already gathering his belongings. His chief interest at present is in hunting red squirrels with an air rifle. He shot one the other day, and when I got home was still in transports of delight and we had to sit down for some taxidermy work while I took off the skin whole. We stretched it on a board to cure it.

Anna is in Washington today, having gone down with Miss Holmquist on a conference called by Mr. Hoover to conserve food supplies. Some of our neighbors have begun to cut off fruit at breakfast, but I do not believe that kind of conservation pays the nation. It is better to conserve our health than it is to conserve our food.

I have been at Northfield for two conferences this summer and have yet one more to attend and then shall be through, although there is plenty of work this month as I am speaking each Sunday in Dr. Jowett's Church. The congregations are unusually good in view of the presence here of so many school teachers from all over the country at the Columbia University summer school.

Hoping you are finding life easy and restful at the Cottage, and with a great deal of love to all,

Your affectionate brother,

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July 27th, 1917.

The Hon. Robert W. Speer,  
Denver, Colo.

My dear Walter,

I have received the following letter, dated Cripple Creek, Colo., July 21st.

It will please you and Kate.

"Mr. Speer,

I have not seen you for years, but I have heard a great praise of you. I always knew that you would make a prominent man. I will say this that you were the nicest and best hearted boy that I ever knew. You will remember me when I read law with your father. Now I would like to ask a little favor of you that will cost you nothing. I am getting a little too old to work in the mines here and I want to go to Denver and look for something to do. Now, if you have any weight with R.W. Speer, your cousin the Mayor? I am not personally acquainted with him but I think a little note from you would have a marked effect with him. Please grant me this favor.

From as good a friend as you ever had.

(Signed) Frank M. Love.

Gibbs House."

I do not know what Mr. Love is doing nor what he is capable of doing, but am sure that for the sake of the old County if there is any way in which you can properly help him along you will be glad to do it.

I went out to Huntingdon this spring for a day and to speak at the Commencement of the Girls' School in Hollidaysburg, which old Mr. McLanahan, who is a cousin of your father and mine, has made his special hobby. He is a dear old man but is now very hard of hearing.

With warm regards to Kate and yourself,

Very cordially yours,

RES:C.

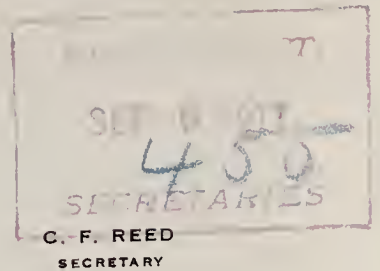


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Mr. Speer  
ROBERT W. SPEER  
MAYOR

*R. W. Speer*  
City and County of Denver  
Mayor's Office



August  
Second  
1917.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 5th Avenue,  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Robert:--

I received your letter concerning Mr. Frank M. Love of Cripple Creek; also received a letter from him some time ago. I do not know what Mr. Love has been doing nor what he is capable of doing - not being a resident of Denver I could not appoint him to a city position, but wrote him I would be glad to assist in securing for him some other place.

Mrs. Speer and I have just returned from a two weeks trip in the mountains. We traveled over seven hundred miles by automobile - had good trout fishing - saw quite a number of deer and elk. When you can spare a week or two come out and go with us into the mountains.

Kate is feeling well and sends regards.

Sincerely yours,

*R. W. Speer*

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February 7th, 1918.

Mrs. C. C. North,  
1408 N. Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Aunt Lizzie,

I ought to have written long ago to thank you for your beautiful Christmas card. It was one of the most beautiful ones that I have seen and I appreciated your kindness in sending it more than I can say.

I was in Washington a fortnight ago on business with the War Department and hoped to be able to see you, but was busy from morning till night.

Mary writes from the University Hospital in Philadelphia that the doctor is very discouraging in what he says about her sight, but she is very brave and hopeful about it and says that the doctor tells her that they must both of them do the best they can, which I am sure Mary will do. I am glad that she is in the Hospital, and not at home, where she would be sure to be working in one way or another.

You will have heard of the death of Anne Doris Chisholm and Ellie Snare and Emma Brown. The gaps in the old Huntingdon ranks widen every year, but it means that there is just so much larger a Huntingdon contingent in the other world which is a good deal better place to be than this one, especially when your friends are with you.

I hope that you and Uncle Cahill and Margaret are all well, and with a great deal of love, I am,

Ever affectionately yours,

res/ms

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SECRETARIES

February 21st, 1918.

Miss Mary C. Speer,  
University Hospital,  
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Mary,

I hope to get over to Philadelphia on Saturday afternoon on my way to Pottstown and shall try to get up to the hospital to see you some time between four and six o'clock.

Emma has gone up to Andover to visit Margaret over Washington's Birthday and Sunday. I had a nice letter from Miss Bailey of the school yesterday, saying that Margaret was again at the head of the school roll and that they were greatly pleased with her work and influence.

I met Will the other day also and had a good long talk with him. He was looking very well and feeling very cheerful.

With a great deal of love,

Your affectionate brother,

RES:C.

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SECRETARIES

March 6th, 1918.

Mrs. James B. Bailey,  
612 Montgomery Ave.,  
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

My dear Caroline,

I wish I could accept your invitation for Sunday, but I have to be down at Haverford Saturday night with the Pierce's and they will bring me up to Church Sunday morning and send me over to Ogontz, where I have to speak in the afternoon, and then bring me back to Bryn Mawr for the evening meeting there. I am afraid I shall have to go in to Philadelphia after the evening meeting and take the night train back to New York. I shall hope to see you and Jim.

Emma is down at Atlantic City this week with William. Mrs. Coleman, of Norristown has not been very well, and she did not want to go away from home, so Emma went along to induce her to take a little rest.

With warmest love to you all,

Ever affectionately yours,

res/ms

March 23rd, 1918

Mr. William M. Speer,  
Sparkhill, N.Y.

My dear Will,

You will be interested in the enclosed letter from Al, alias  
Toddy Fleming. He sent me an extra copy of it so that you can  
keep this copy if you like.

I must try to walk up to Piermont some day this spring, either  
alone or with Constance and William.

I have seen Mary four or five times since she has been in the  
hospital. Three weeks ago she felt very hopeful, but the last time her  
eye had had a little set back and she was not so encouraged. She shows  
unlimited pluck however and is hoping that some thing may still be done.  
The best men in Philadelphia are doing what they can for her.

With love to Margaret and the children,

Your affectionate brother,

RES:C.

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SECRETARIES

April 11th, 1918.

Miss Mary C. Speer,  
University Hospital,  
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Mary,

I was so glad to get your letter of April 3rd and sorry I have not been able to get to Philadelphia again as yet. I have to be in Pottstown April 21st, however, and shall come either on the 20th or on the 22nd. I am so glad that you have Dr. de Schweinitz to do all that human skill can do, and rejoice, whatever the result may be, you have the faith and the courage that will uphold you and fill all the years with the inward light which is worth far more than any sights or scenes without.

I think I have told you about one of the best and most loved members of our Board, Mr. Stiger. He is a lawyer here who has done all the legal work of our Board for years as a labor of love. When I knew him first I do not remember that he wore glasses at all. But his sight failed entirely so that he can see nothing now. To add to his experiences his wife was taken from him and he had only the memory of his little baby boy, who died when he was a child. Yet, he is one of the cheeriest, happiest of men, who, whatever he may feel, goes about always glad and making other glad. I told him of having been to see you, and he was full of sympathy and friendly interest.

Yesterday I had to be in Salisbury, Maryland, at a missionary meeting, and Dr. Boggs of Philadelphia was there. He spoke of having gone around to the hospital to comfort you but said that he had been comforted and helped himself instead.

Ernest Janvier also writes that he is hoping to get in to see you.

Emma was very much obliged to you for your letter to her, enclosing the

Miss Mary Speer, #2,

poem and I can just see you with the little four-year old visitor holding your finger.

Peggy stopped to visit us in Englewood on her way home from Baltimore so that she might get a little time with Margaret. I have not seen Ella, however, for a long time.

Emma and Constance and William are all very well. William and Constance are getting their little garden ready. I think they have better fortune with it than you and I used to have with our gardens. As far as I can remember the only things I ever succeeded in raising were radishes and lettuce.

With a great deal of love from us all.

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May 24th, 1918.

Mr. William McMurtrie Speer,  
Sparkill, N.Y.

My dear Will,

Have you received the Denver papers containing accounts of Walter Speer's death and funeral services? If not, I shall be glad to send you quite a bundle of those which have come to me.

I sent you the other day a copy of a little book entitled "The Christian Man, the Church and the War. The third chapter of this book contains substantially the address which I made at Columbia University last February and over which there was such a foolish little fluster.

With much love, to all,

RES:C.



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May 24th, 1918.

Mr. Charles L. Reed, Jr.  
234 penn St.,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Charles,

Our whole family appreciated very much your invitation to the High School Commencement. William especially would acknowledge your kindness in putting his name on the envelope. I wish we all could come, and especially I should like to be there both for your sake and for my own. It is just 35 years since my class was graduated and I should love to be back to have the memories of those old days revived. I hope you may have a fine Commencement time.

With a great deal of love from us all,

Your affectionate Uncle,

RES/MS

~~Secret Speer~~

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May 27th, 1918.

Miss Mary C. Speer,  
University Hospital,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mary,

I had hoped to get to see you last Thursday afternoon when I was in Philadelphia for a couple of hours, but I could not manage it. I went over to Miss Bent's funeral. She died on Tuesday, and the funeral was on Thursday afternoon. Emma had been there for a few days with her, taking the responsibility of the house and looking after Miss Bent, who had years ago asked Emma to be sure to come to her for the last days. It was a great relief to her to pass out of the suffering of the last week. She was a fine type. We have very few left of her quality and character now. The intellectual refinement, the delicacy of spirit, the combination of reserve and warmth of friendship, the perfect breeding, the high-mindedness, is all very nice to remember, and one only wishes that the present generation were producing as fine a quality.

We had another funeral in our home community last week. The wife of one of our oldest and dearest friends, who was herself also one of the little Englewood group that we love most. They were our next door neighbors for our first ten years in Englewood. Perhaps you remember her, Mrs. Royland Vermilye. They wanted me to conduct the funeral service, which of course I did, although I try not to do such things, but those are hours when one is willing to do anything whatever for a friend.

Constance and William and I went off for a fine excursion on Saturday. At the invitation of Mr. Olcott, the President of the Albany Day Line, we went with a number of friends by boat to West Point and then by automobile to the Bear Mountain Park Inn, where we had a wonderful dinner of six courses which

Miss M.C. Speer, #2,

5/27/18.

made even Constance and William gasp, and then returned by boat to New York. Emma was still away and as I have been away over Sunday I am not sure whether she has got home or not.

It was good to get this morning your letter of Saturday. I hope that you have got back all your strength and energy, and will be in good shape to go home. After leaving you on my last visit I had quite a little talk with Dr. Holloway and he was not as discouraging as I was afraid he would be. He thought that even if the eye does grow worse, it might last for a long time.

A number of people have spoken to me about a wonderful oculist in Washington. I have forgotten his name, but doubtless you have heard of it. Mrs. Meigs at Pottstown thought that we ought not to give up until you had seen him and he had tried whatever he could do.

Somebody sent me several bundles of papers from Denver regarding Walter Speer's death. If I had had any telegraph notice about it, and could possibly have arranged, I should certainly have gone out to the funeral, but I have learned only through the newspapers and had no word from Kate or Frank Adams. I see no mention whatever in the papers about George Speer. Has he completely disappeared?

I am still undecided as to whether to plan to go abroad this summer or not. Elliott writes urging me to come but I am not clear that there may not be more important things here that I could do than any little service that could be rendered on the other side, and while one would like to go, just to see conditions I do not believe that that is a sufficient warrant for going. If one can not really render service, then, he ought not to encumber the boats or eat the food on the other side. I see that Mr. Baker has introduced a bill however providing for the enrollment of men from 40 to 55 for the various forms of non-combatant service, such men releasing younger men who would be fit for the trenches. I believe I would be pretty good for much of that kind of work, and it may open a chance for some of us who are just as able-bodied as the youngest to do something more than to support the war from the home base.

Miss M.C.Speer,#3,

5/27/18.

With a great deal of love from us all,

Very affectionately yours,

RES:C.

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January 30th, 1919

Mrs. Charles L. Reed,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntington, Penna.

My dear Mig,

I trust you get good word from Charles and that he likes Hotchkiss better than ever. I hope to get up some Sunday this spring and shall look forward with pleasure to seeing him again.

In your note of January 2nd you spoke of <sup>not</sup> having snow. I wonder if you have had any yet. I have just been writing to Aunt Clara and I told her that I did not see how they could have had any better weather in Miami that we have had here during the month that has just gone. It has been a wonderful winter thus far. I really think it might be better for us, however, if we should have a little more severe weather for the next two months.

I am working at home to-day to catch up with arrears of correspondence. Emma is over in Brynmawr and will be back to-morrow. Marnie we are hoping to have home with us this evening to stay over Sunday. Constance is upstairs now giving Sallie a bath and taking a bath herself. William has just come in from school, rosy and strong as can be.

With a great deal of love from us all,

Your affectionate brother,

RES:C.



February 6th, 1919.

Mr. James B. Bailey,  
Bryn Mawr,  
Pa.

My dear Caroline,

I have just heard from Mr. Peirce's office of the sorrow that has come to him in the accidental death of his son. Mr. Peirce's secretary writes that Mr. Mutch would like to have me come and stay with him, but I have written that you had invited me to stay with you, and that I would let Mr. Mutch know that I would be you and Jim. If since I wrote you yesterday you filled up the house for Sunday please don't hesitate to let me know and I shall stay with some friends in Philadelphia, and come out to Bryn Mawr for the evening.

Very affectionately yours,

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February 6th, 1919

Mr. W. L. Bailey,  
Harrisburgh, Pa.

My dear Will,

Bishop Brent, who has been Senior Chaplain of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, is home for a fortnight, expecting to return to France next week or the week following. He is very anxious that the bodies of American soldiers buried in France should be left there. He thinks that if they were gathered in some memorial cemeteries it would constitute a strong bond of unity between France and the United States. His idea fits in exactly with your plans for an American field of honor in France, and I think you might find strong support in him if you could arrange to see him before he returns. He will be in Buffalo for a day or two, and then I think in Washington and New York. His address in Buffalo is 67 Irving Place, Buffalo, N.Y. In New York he can be reached C/o The Rev. Henry B. Washburn, D.D., Episcopal War Commission, 14 Wall Street, N.Y. City. Perhaps your surest way of communicating with him would be through Dr. Washburn in case you should wish to write to him or arrange to see him.

Very cordially yours,

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WILLIAM E. BAILEY  
HARRISBURG  
PENNSYLVANIA

February 13, 1919.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 - 5th Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Rob:

I am addressing you as a plain mister, not being absolutely certain whether you should be addressed as a "D.D." or an "L.L.D.", or both, but presume the letter will reach you without any of the titles to which you are entitled.

Following the suggestion made to me at Englewood last week and also in your letter of February 6th, I wrote Bishop Brent at 67 Irving Place, Buffalo, N. Y., and at the same time sent a copy of my letter c/o Rev. Henry B. Washburn, Episcopal War Commission, 14 Wall St., New York. These letters were later followed by a telegram, but I have as yet had no reply to either letters or telegram, and I sincerely hope that he has not returned to France as I appreciate very much how great the value would be of a letter from him to Secretary Baker, or of any approval of our plan for the Field of Honor which ~~we~~<sup>we</sup> could use either in Washington or in the Publicity Campaign which we expect to start as soon as we obtain our charter as an association.

I am leaving home tomorrow to spend the day in Philadelphia and will probably go to Washington tomorrow evening in order to see Dr. Fess on Saturday. If you can give me any further information as to Bishop Brent's whereabouts, I will very much appreciate a telegram sent either to me in Philadelphia c/o Wilson Eyre, 1003 Spruce St., or to the New Willard Hotel, Washington, where I will be all day Saturday.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter and with love to all the family, I am

Very cordially yours,

Wm E. Bailey



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65TH CONGRESS,  
3D SESSION.

# H. R. 15032.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 24, 1919.

Mr. Fess introduced the following bill: which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

## A BILL

To incorporate the American Field of Honor Association.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3        That William E. Bailey, of Pennsylvania; Wilson Eyre, of  
4        Pennsylvania; James S. Cushman, of New York; Honorable  
5        William Howard Taft, of Washington, District of Colum-  
6        bia; Doctor John H. Finley, of New York; Bishop Luther  
7        B. Wilson, of New York; Alfred E. Marling, of New York;  
8        Arthur Curtiss James, of New York; Henry Morgenthau,  
9        of New York; James H. Schiff, of New York; Honorable  
10       Morgan J. O'Brien, of New York; William Fellowes Mor-  
11       gan, of New York; Doctor William T. Manning, of New  
12       York; Cleveland H. Dodge, of New York; Commander

1 Evangeline Booth, of New York; George Wharton Pepper,  
2 of Pennsylvania; William Potter, of Pennsylvania; Charles  
3 L. Borie, of Pennsylvania; Judge J. Willis Martin, of  
4 Pennsylvania; Owen Wister, of Pennsylvania; A. J. D.  
5 Dixon, of Pennsylvania; Colonel Frederick M. Alger, of  
6 Michigan; Doctor George S. Stewart, of New York; Major  
7 Robert Davis, of New York; Mrs. Robert E. Speer, of New  
8 Jersey; Mrs. John Meigs, of Pennsylvania; Violet Oakley,  
9 of Pennsylvania; Agnes Repplier, of Pennsylvania; Mrs.  
10 Finley J. Shepard, of New York; and their associates and  
11 successors duly chosen, be, and they are hereby, incorpo-  
12 rated, constituted, and declared to be a body corporate of  
13 the District of Columbia by the name of the American Field  
14 of Honor Association.

15       SEC. 2. That the purposes of this association are and  
16 shall be to cooperate with the Government in the selection  
17 and beautifying of a suitable and impressive estate in France  
18 for the creation of the American Field of Honor and its pres-  
19 ervation as the final resting place of those who have made  
20 the supreme sacrifice in the cause of freedom and humanity,  
21 and to erect thereon such a building as shall serve, in the  
22 greatness of its intention and design, as a unified and single  
23 monument to the whole nation and as a perpetual bond of  
24 union between America and the nations with whom we have  
25 been associated in the world's war.

1           SEC. 3. That the American Field of Honor Association  
2 shall consist of the people of every State in the Union who  
3 desire to express, through their membership in it, their appre-  
4 ciation of the sacrifice made by the Nation's immortal dead  
5 and their desire to unite in making that field of honor the  
6 country's great and living monument to America.

7           SEC. 4. That the American Field of Honor Association  
8 shall hold an annual meeting at such place in the United  
9 States as may be designated, and shall make an annual report  
10 to Congress, to be filed with the Librarian of Congress, and  
11 shall submit, before their adoption, to the Commission of  
12 Fine Arts for any suggestions or for its approval all plans  
13 for the necessary monument of the proposed field of honor.

14           SEC. 5. That the American Field of Honor Association  
15 be, and the same is hereby, authorized and empowered to  
16 receive, by devise, bequest, donation, or otherwise, either real  
17 or personal property, and to use the same or to hold the same  
18 absolutely or in trust, and to invest, reinvest, manage, and  
19 apply the same property and the income arising therefrom in  
20 furtherance of the objects and the spirit of its creation.

21           SEC. 6. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this  
22 Act is hereby expressly reserved.

65TH CONGRESS, }  
3D SESSION. } **H. R. 15032.**

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## **A BILL**

To incorporate the American Field of Honor  
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By Mr. FESS.

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JANUARY 24, 1919.—Referred to the Committee on  
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WILLIAM E. BAILEY  
HARRISBURG  
PENNSYLVANIA

February 21, 1919.

Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Rob:

I am this morning in receipt of a note from Mr. Ford C. Ottman, Secretary of the Administrative Committee, of the National Service Commission of the Presbyterian Church, saying that the Committee had received a communication requesting an expression of opinion on the desirability of establishing a National Cemetery in France. I presume that this request for an expression of opinion came from you, and I appreciate very much the assistance you have been to us. As you know, our ideas to establish a Field of Honor differing entirely both in spirit and in form from anything like a National Cemetery, and, I think, that Mr. Ottman has been misinformed as to the status of our Bill which was introduced in Congress by Dr. Fess, and on which no action has as yet been taken by the Committee on Military Affairs.

The bill to which Dr. Ottman in his letter refers is evidently one that was introduced by Senator Henderson, of Missouri, in the Senate, and is simply a bill appropriating \$500,000. for the purchase of a tract of land for a National Cemetery. Our Bill asking for a Charter for the American Field of Honor in France Association in no wise conflicts either with Senator Henderson's bill, nor a bill introduced by Mr. Dent, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, in the House of Representatives.

Our Association can, if granted a charter, create a nation-wide sentiment in favor of a Field of Honor in France, and can be of such assistance to the Government by creating this sentiment that I do not see why Secretary Baker should hesitate to give it his unqualified endorsement, which would undoubtedly secure the passage of our Bill at this session of Congress.

Do you think it would be possible, or advisable, for us to attempt to see President Wilson in the short time that he is to be in this country before returning to France? If so, have you any suggestions to make as to how we could secure an interview.

Emma sent me a leaflet entitled "Soldiers of the Wooden Cross" by Bishop Brent, which she asked me to return to her.

R. E. S. #2.

and this I will do tomorrow, after having had two or three hundred copies of it made here.

Again thanking you for the assistance you have given us, and with love to all the family, I am

Very cordially yours,

Wm. C. Bailey

P.S. I am enclosing a list of the Committee on Military Affairs, Telegrams or letters sent to any of the members especially to Mr. Hunt will be of very great assistance if urging favorable action on our bill.



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COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS,

65TH CONGRESS.

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Mr. DENT.	Mr. KAHN.
Mr. FIELDS.	Mr. ANTHONY.
Mr. GARRETT.	Mr. GREENE.
Mr. LUNN.	

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Mr. NICHOLLS.	Mr. CRAGO.
Mr. HARRISON.	

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#### MILITARY ACADEMY, BATTLE FIELDS, MONUMENTS, MEDALS, ETC.

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Mr. SHALLENBERGER.	Mr. HULL.
Mr. OLNEY.	Mr. DAVIDSON.
Mr. GARRETT.	

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### NO. 4.

#### SOLDIERS' HOMES AND NATIONAL CEMETERIES.

Mr. SHALLENBERGER.	Mr. GREENE.
Mr. GORDON.	Mr. MORIN.
Mr. OLNEY.	Mr. ANTHONY.
Mr. LUNN.	







NO. 5.

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Mr. WISE.

Mr. QUIN.

Mr. OLNEY.

Mr. HARRISON.

Mr. MORIN.

Mr. TILSON.

Mr. MCKENZIE.

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NO. 6.

ARSENALS, BARRACKS, AND MILITARY  
RESERVATIONS.

Mr. OLNEY.

Mr. HARRISON.

Mr. GARRETT.

Mr. LUNN.

Mr. TILSON.

Mr. HULL.

Mr. DAVIDSON.

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NO. 7.

RETIREMENTS, RESTORATIONS, AND RELIEFS.

Mr. NICHOLLS.

Mr. WISE.

Mr. SHALLENBERGER.

Mr. CALDWELL.

Mr. CRAGO.

Mr. MCKENZIE.

Mr. MORIN.

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NO. 8.

DESERTIONS.

Mr. HARRISON.

Mr. GORDON.

Mr. OLNEY.

Mr. LUNN.

Mr. HULL.

Mr. DAVIDSON.

Mr. GREENE.

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NO. 9.

AVIATION.


Mr. CALDWELL.

Mr. NICHOLLS.


Mr. SHALLENBERGER.

Mr. GREENE.

Mr. CRAGO.



REGULAR MEETINGS:  
TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS  
AT 10:30 A. M.



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March 8th, 1919

Mr. William E. Bailey,  
Harrisburg, Penna.

My dear Will,

I have been away quite a little since your note of February 21st was received, and am sorry I could not be of any service in connection with the possible interview with the President. There were one or two matters on which I should have liked to have seen him, but I refrained from asking for any appointment knowing how rushed he must be, and instead put in writing what I wanted to have before him and got it into his hands to read over on the George Washington.

Dr. Ottman has shown me your letter of February 21st to him and I feel sure he will be glad to give you any assistance that he can, and Dr. Carson, the Chairman of Dr. Ottman's Committee, would, I am inclined to think, be quite willing to take the matter up with Senator Calder, whom he knows very well.

I should think that Julius Kahn, the Chairman of the new Committee on Military Affairs, would be very sympathetic toward the plan of the Field of Honor, and I should think it would help a great deal if Bishop Brent would present the matter to General Pershing and have some recommendation come back from General Pershing to the War Department.

I wonder if it would not help also if you could get in touch somehow with General March, the Chief of Staff, who seems to be one of the most influential personalities in all matters affecting the army. He was a son of old Professor March at Lafayette, and perhaps you have some Easton relationships that might give you a point of contact with him.

With kind regards from us all,

Very cordially yours,

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Mr. Speer

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June 13, 1919.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Rob:

I was in New York Tuesday night and part of Wednesday and hoped to have had time to call at the Board Rooms to see you for a few moments, but every moment was so occupied with the work of the American Field of Honor Association that I did not have time to do it.

Wilson Ayre came over from Philadelphia, also Mr. Thomas R. Shipp whom Mr. Bruce Barton recommended as "the publicity man" from Washington, and we had two long interviews with Messrs. Redding and White, who were recommended to us as Campaign Managers - they having been campaign managers for the Salvation Army Drive and also for a great deal of the work in connection with the Red Cross Drive. As the active Chairman of the Association we considered three names in the following order: Mr. Vanderlip, Cornelius Bliss, Jr., and Colonel William Haywood, and I left New York with the understanding that Mr. Cushman and Mr. Redding would secure one of these three as the active manager of the campaign.

Did I say anything to you about securing John R. Mott as one of the incorporators? We would like very much to include his name in the list and also to have an expression of opinion from him concerning the American Field of Honor. Is it too much to ask you to get in touch with him and make the request for us that he be one of the incorporators?

I am enclosing a copy of Bishop Wilson's expression in regard to the Field of Honor, but have not as yet received any expression of opinion from you, which we very much want and would very much appreciate having. I expect to be in Washington on Monday to meet Mr. Ship and Dr. Fess, as the bill is to be reintroduced on Tuesday, and if you are able to secure Mr. Mott as one of the incorporators and can find time to give us an expression of opinion in regard to the American Field of Honor, please write me there at the New Willard Hotel.

*no enclosure*

With love to all the family and thanking you for what you have already done in promoting the cause of the American Field of Honor, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Wm. E. Bailey*

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June 16th, 1919.

Mr. Wm. E. Bailey,  
Harrisburg,  
Pa.

My dear Will,

I was not in New York on Saturday and did not receive your special delivery letter of the 15th until to-day, when I got back to New York just before a series of engagements taking up all the rest of the day. I am sorry I haven't been able to help you in communicating with Mr. Mott, and getting his consent to act as one of the incorporators.

I add a sentence or two as a postscript which may serve your purpose as an expression with regard to the Field of Honor.

I trust that everything may go well with the plan, and that you may live to see it a complete reality.

Very cordially yours,

res;ms

The Government has offered, as it was proper that it should do, to bring home from France the body of any American soldier who died there and whose family wishes to have it buried at home, but with few exceptions it will no doubt be the instinct and desire of kindred here to leave their dead in the soil on which they fell. To gather them in a Field of Honor, to mark their graves aright, to make their resting place the most beautiful and honored spot in France, is one of the clearest privileges which the war has left.

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September 23rd, 1919.

Mrs. Charles E. Reed,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mig,

I ought not to have let all this time go by without writing to you. Especially I should have written before to thank you for your good letter of birthday congratulations. We had a very happy celebration of the day. Elliott was away, but Margaret, Constance and William were here and Mr. and Mrs. Bulkley came up as Mr. Bulkley's birthday is the same as mine. The children had a trail of things <sup>and</sup> hitten over the house which Mr. Bulkley and I had to follow with the result that we were rewarded with a large collection of vegetables and stationery and other precious donations.

We had a very good summer all of us together at Diamond Pond through August. Emma and I went the last week, however, over to Bar Harbor for a few days with friends there. The children and I were out in the woods a great deal and William proved a fine camper, carrying his own pack over 12 miles of mountain, and catching lots of trout on his own account.

Thank you very much for the clipping with the notice of Mrs. Adams' death. I am writing to Mame. How well I remember the old days more than 40 years ago when Mary and I went down there on our summer visits.

Please give my love to Dorothea and her Mother when you see them, and all the Huntingdon circle.

Ever affectionately yours,

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October 29th, 1919.

Mr. James B. Bailey,  
Pine Iron Works Co.,  
Pine Forge, Pa.

My dear Jim,

I have been away the last week in the west or should have answered earlier your good note of October 17th. I think it ought to be possible to find some good missionary home on furlough who would be glad to undertake such a service as you have in mind. At the same time, it may not prove so easy as one would think as many of our missionaries are settled in particular localities because of family ties there, and some who might be free to take up such work are so far away that it would hardly be worth while to bring them on, but I have made a list of some of the ordained missionaries who are not too far away, and am writing stating the matter to them, and asking them if they are interested to communicate directly with you. Those to whom I am writing are as follows:

Rev. W. D. Noyes, 108 North St., Auburn, N. Y. (From China)  
Rev. A. F. McElements, 3741 Elsmere Ave. Norwood, O. (From C. Brazil)  
Rev. Clarence S. Hoffman, Doylestown, Pa. (from Korea)  
Rev. F. O. Emerson, 47 Grant St. Auburn, N. Y. (From Africa)

It was good to hear from Dord. She will have a great year at Paris, and will come back so accomplished that the rest of us will not be in her class at all.

With much love to all,  
Ever affectionately yours,

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November 17th, 1919.

Mrs. Charles E. Reed,  
254 Penn Street,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mig,

Do you think you could find about the house that old copy of the catechism which Will and Mary and I memorized. I should say it was a book about an inch thick, and perhaps five by three inches in size. It used to have a yellow leather back but this may have been worn off. It contained the shorter catechism and the larger catechism and I think the Confession of Faith. If you could find it I should be very glad if you would send it to me. I would like to have it rebound as nearly as possible in the exact form in which we knew it and loved it and hated it as children, and then either keep it myself, or give it to Will.

We are hoping for a visit from Aunt Clara sometime soon. It will be lovely to see her again. I only wish that Uncle Stewart would come too, but he writes that he cannot undertake it, but that he is very well indeed. I wish he could see the children and they could see him. They remember the Christmas several years ago and I trust that those jubilant scenes will never fade out of their memory.

I don't think I can get home until sometime in the winter, but I promised to come for the missionary convention the students are to hold on Sunday, February 29th. I

I trust that you and Charley are well and with warm love to every one, I am,

Your affectionate brother,

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December 12th, 1919.

Mrs. Charles E. Reid,  
234 Penn St.,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mig,

Thank you very much for the catechism which arrived safely. I have not yet been able to get it into the hands of any book binder that could restore it, but I shall hope to have this done sometime so as to present the book to Will.

I am going up to Hotchkiss next Sunday, and shall look for Charles. I am delighted to hear of his great success in the school. I shall very proud looking at the tablet on the wall and seeing his name on the first honor roll.

I wish I could have taken that ride with you and Charley over the seven Mountains. I want to bring William out to Huntingdon sometime and go over the old haunts with him. I am dictating at home to-day and I hear his voice up in his room where he is working with another small boy making an areoplane.w

With a great deal of love to you all,

Your affectionate brother,

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January 13th, 1920.

Margaret Spear

My dear Marnie,

I am just leaving for a conference at New Haven but am glad to dictate the few sentences that you wanted before going.

I think the Student Volunteer Convention at Des Moines was significant for several reasons: It showed that the most effective idea, if one wants to draw the students of America together, is the idea of world service. It showed the homogeneity of the student life of our own country and of our own country and Canada. It revealed the deep interest of students of all sections of America in the tasks of helping men and nations to achieve right individual and national character and right personal and racial relations. It showed that the kind of Christianity that is loyal and true to the great facts of the New Testament is the most effective and inspiring power in the world.

Mother has had a bad cold but is over it now. I caught a bad one last Saturday night and I am not over it. Elliott was home for Sunday and Augusta Wagner is being recuperated in your room.

Your loving,

Father.

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January 28th, 1920.

Mrs. Charles E. Head,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntingdon, Penna.

My dear Mig,

It was good to get your letter of January 7th with the enclosed letter from Agnes McElduff. I was very glad to see Carrie Baker but only sorry there was such a short time to talk with her. I remember Robert and Agnes McElduff very well. Some time when I am out in Illinois I must try to get to Dwight. I have not been there since the winter of 30 years ago.

William has had a letter from Uncle Stewart out in Miami and has received a wonderful nut from him the nature of which William has not been able to discover. He is greatly interested now in trapping and expects to catch various foxes, skunks, raccoons, etc., with which his imagination peoples the surrounding woods. He has a number of traps, skees, snow shoes and a gun- all that is wanting is said wild beasts. But, not being here, of course they can not know that they are not here, which leaves his imagination free to conceive that they are here.

We have had a beautiful winter thus far. This morning all our trees were coated with ice, and I am glad to say that a warm sun has cut that off otherwise the next snow or wind-storm would have wrought devastation.

Elliott and Margaret are both very well and greatly enjoyed the Convention at Des Moines. They have a few days of mid-winter vacation week after next, and I trust we may have them home.

I am hoping to come out to Huntingdon for Sunday, February 29th, at the time of the Student Volunteer Conference which is to be held there.

With a great deal of love to you and Charlie and the Great Aunts,

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May 21st, 1920.

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer,  
Pembroke East,  
Bryn Mawr, Penna.

My dear Marnie,

I think that Guthrie Speers and Sam Shoemaker are both good speakers but not extraordinary -- they are straightforward, honest and real.

I will try to find out who the European speakers are who will be here at the Mayflower Ter-centenary. Very probably there will be some among them whom you would be glad to have at Bryn Mawr.

A very interesting man is coming from India this summer and if he stays until fall I think you might be interested in having him. He is the Sadhu Sundar Singh. I put a paragraph about him in the Annual Report of the Board a year or two ago as follows:

"The year has witnessed the continued helpful influence of many Indian Christian leaders, among whom Sadhu Sundar Singh is one of the most interesting and suggestive personalities. The Sadhu was born in the city of Patiala in September, 1889, and was brought into the Christian faith through the instrumentality of missionaries of the Punjab Mission in Ludhiana. He was baptized at Simla by a Church of England missionary on September 3, 1905. After a few years' association with the Church of England Mission he felt called to general evangelistic ministry in India without association with any particular mission, and with complete identification with Indian ideals. Ever since he has gone about the country as an Indian Holy Man, preaching Christ in ways that might present him to Indians with the least intercepting veils of Western statement and interpretation. Sundar Singh holds that there are thousands of Indian Christian devotees not connected openly with any Mission or church. The Indian Social Reformer, in describing Sundar, says:

"There is, we are told, a Sanyasi Mission, a secret organization number 24,000 members, scattered all over India. Sadhu Sundar Singh met some of the members dressed as Sannyasis in 1912 at Saranath. The Maharshi is a member of this Mission. Of this Mission Mrs. Parker writes: 'The Bible is read and expounded and Christian papers are circulated. Eastern methods are sedulously followed, such as complete prostration of the body in prayer. The belief is held by them that if men prayed in perfect faith they would have constant visions of the Master Himself. Belonging to this secret Christian Brotherhood are various Sadhus and hermits of recognized holiness, and a large number of the members are educated and wealthy men of the upper classes, who freely subscribe towards the maintenance of the organization. The Sadhu has often been present at their services, and has several

Miss M.B.Speer,#2.

times been mistaken for one of themselves. He has very earnestly begged that they would openly confess Christ, and their promise is that when the right moment comes they have every intention of doing so.' Those who know of the secret Mohammedan sects in Gujarat and Rajputana will not find it difficult to believe in the existence of a secret order of Christian Sanyasis.'

Some day, we may be sure, through men like these or others whom God will raise up, the Gospel will be borne home into the heart of India."

What would you think of Mr. Kanamori of Japan, who was at Des Moines?

I am not sure however that he would be here next year.

I am dictating at home to-day. Mother and William are going to the dentist this afternoon and mother is going over to Lucy Chapman's for dinner this evening.

Your loving

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January 3rd, 1921.

Mr. Elliott Speer,  
Murray Dodge Hall,  
Princeton University,  
Princeton, N.J.

My dear Elliott,

I was glad to get your letter from the train and trust you are having a good conference at Harrisburg. I was glad to get also Dr. Bovaird's report and to know that you are expecting to hear soon from Edinburgh. As soon as you get any further information I shall be glad to talk the whole matter over with you.

I do not believe you could get Mr. Hughes for your Vesper Services. His address in New York is 100 Broadway, New York City.

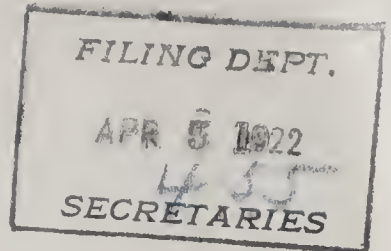
Some men whom you might get and whom it would be worth trying for are Mr. William Sloan, 347 Madison Avenue, New York City, Mr. William Sloane Coffin, 575 Fifth Avenue, New York City, Mr. Alfred E. Marling, 21 Liberty Street, New York City, Mr. Frederick A. Wallis, 200 W. 58th Street, New York City, Mr. Stephen Baker, 40 Wall Street, New York City, Ex-Governor Charles E. Whitman, St. Regis Hotel, New York City, Judge William H. Wadhams, 48 East 78th Street, New York City, and Mr. Charles P. Hilles, 25 Liberty Street, New York City.

With a great deal of love,

Your affectionate father

RES:C.

Mrs. Robert E. Speer



April 4th 1922

My dear Mrs. Speer,

I received your note with enclosures from Mr. Porter and have tried to make up a list of about fifty names to send Mrs. Lucking. It was not easy to find these because the list which they sent you and the list of those who wrote Mr. Speer at the time of his anniversary are both pretty full and representative ones. It was useless sending any names of people out of America as they could not possibly hear from them in time now, and, anyway their list has quite a number of those.

I hope you received the word about Mr. Speer's cablegram- Miss Schnell telephoned it to Miss Jennings. Perhaps it might be well to confirm it. The cable read:

Tabriz

March 31, 1922. Arrived here all well; leaving for Tiflis, Russia, April 11 or 12, 1922.

(signed) Speer."

I understand that it takes 5 days from Tabriz to Batoum; from Batoum to Constantinople takes 5 days also. From Constantinople they can come to Paris by rail in 4 days; or they can go to London by boat, which takes a week or 10 days. It looks as though we can not hope for the party's arrival before the middle of May.

Very sincerely,

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May 5th, 1922

*entt. E.*  
Dear Mrs. Speer,

The enclosed letter was returned to us this morning. I was afraid it might miss you, however I trust you received my telegram.

I have had several letters from an old friend of Mr. Speer's, Mr. Harold Peirce, who is very anxious for Mr. Speer to take a service at the Church in Bryn Mawr on May 21st or the 28th, preferably the 21st. Considering that this will mean Mr. Speer's starting off on those interminable railroad journeys almost as soon as he arrives you can understand my great hesitancy in encouraging Mr. Peirce to hope that Mr. Speer would accept. He assures me, both by letter and through a telephone message which he left for me, that you and Miss Speer are both willing to have him go. Is this correct? People have so many ways of interpreting things. Probably it is, as unless Miss Speer came down herself it would be a lovely chance for her to see her father. As you will be seeing Mr. Speer before I will, it might be wise for you to bring this request of Mr. Peirce to his attention, in order that he may not commit himself to anyone else for this date. as I have no doubt that several people will be getting in touch with him immediately on his return, and if Miss Speer is counting on his coming up to Bryn Mawr I should be sorry to have her disappointed.

I hope you had a successful trip and are none the worse for the hard work.

Very sincerely yours,



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July 19, 1922.

Mrs. Charles L. Reed,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mig,

It was very nice to get your letter. I trust Uncle Stewart will not fail to send the town papers with the account of Mr. Fleming. I was just about to write to him when a note from Aunt Clara came stating that he had passed away. He was always a good friend. I am sorry to hear of the death of Landes Steele and Bob Miller also.

You do not speak of receiving a package which I sent you with a little remembrance from India. It was a hand printed piece of cotton which I got from a most interesting group of Indian workmen in the city of Farrukhabad. They were the most beautiful prints that I saw anywhere in Asia. I hope the package was not lost. In case you do not get it in due time please let me know.

Patty writes of glorious days in Scotland and England. Marnie and Billy are now at New London, N.H. with the Shearmans. Elliott has been at Glen Summit near Wilkes-Barre with the Welles family, but is coming home this week. Emma and I hope to get off the end of next week to join Marnie and Billy at Camp Diamond.

I trust you may have a fine time out in the country. With a great deal of love to all,

Your affectionate Brother,

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September 8th, 1922.

Mrs. Charles L. Reed,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mig,

We have all had a very happy summer and are hoping soon to have the whole family assembled in Englewood. Emma and Marnie and William and I spent August at Diamond Pond, and returned last week in time to welcome Constance back from Scotland on Sunday. All the children except Constance are just at present at Glen Summit at Wilkes-Barre with the Welles family, Marnie and William having gone over to see their new niece.

Elliott will be working in New York this winter, and Marnie will be studying there also, and we shall have all the children, including Holly and the baby at home.

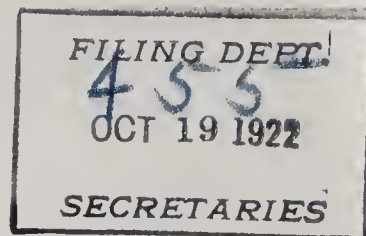
I am looking forward with great pleasure to getting out to Huntingdon for the Church dedication. I have to speak in Pittsburgh on Friday morning, October 6th, and if it is convenient shall come back to Huntingdon that afternoon. Would a good long motor ride be possible on Saturday? Wouldn't Aunt Clara like to take us on a good long all day's ride? I have never been over the roads to State College and Bellefonte. Couldn't we go over there, and come around by the big valley in Lewistown?

I trust that you and Charlie and Charles have all had a good summer.

With dearest love to all,

Your affectionate Brother,

res/ms



October 17, 1922

Mrs. Charles L. Reed,  
234 Penn St.,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear "Mig:"

As I think I wrote to Charley I have to be at the meeting of the Synod of Pennsylvania at Greensburg on the evening of October 26th. Accordingly, I shall have to leave there on an early morning train on Friday, October 27th, getting into Huntingdon before noon.

I wrote to Aunt Clara some time ago that I hoped to get there in time so as to have all Friday afternoon and Saturday free for whatever larks may be possible. I hope that it may be good weather and that all the glory will not have vanished from the foliage.

I see Jack Holmes now and then and often he calls me up on the telephone. We have just been talking this morning and he says he is not feeling at all well. I think he has a pretty lonely life and seems to be working very hard in the offices of the Gas Company where he is employed.

Holly and the baby came down from Glen Summit so we have the whole family together now. It is lovely to hear a little baby's voice in the house again.

With a great deal of love to all,

Your brother,

RES-KC.

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January 26th, 1923

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer,  
c/o Women City Club,  
40 Beacon Street,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Marnie,

I heard of you and Miss Royden in Holyoke, where I was speaking Wednesday evening with Mr. Hamilton Holt. A snow storm had been raging all afternoon and there were heaps of snow, four feet high, as I went up from Springfield to Holyoke in Mrs. Hubbard's car. Mr. Wicks spoke of having seen you and gave me your loving message.

You will be having a snowy time of it in Maine on Sunday. This morning's papers reported that Maine had had more snow this winter than for a long time. I had to go from Columbus, Ohio, to Holyoke, and it was beautiful with the white snow drifts as one crossed from Albany to Springfield.

Billy and I wrote you last Sunday to Waterbury. I hope you received our letters.

We are all happy and well at home. Pat and Billy had an inspiration last evening, to resort to boxing gloves, and had a grand bout in the second floor hall. William was floored three times. It was good exercise and a fine outlet for animal spirits, and all done in the best of temper. I awarded Pat the victory, but William says he is going to strip to the waist for the next encounter.

With dearest love from all,

RES:C.

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March 22nd, 1923

Miss Rebie Bailey,  
Baring Street,  
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Rebie,

I was very glad to see your letter to Emma and to hear about you. I had not known of your leaving the Sunday School Times or of the new work which you have purposed. I am sorry your change came just at a time when you would be in such need of uninterrupted income, but I hope you have been able to take up your new work now and may find it a lighter weight than the work, that you loved so much and in which you were so much loved, with the Sunday School Times.

I was very glad to get a letter from Charley a few weeks ago, asking for an article for the Radio number which he expects to issue and it was a pleasure to write such an article out of an experience which I had just had with the broadcasting of some missionary addresses in Pittsburgh.

We have had a good deal of grip and the unhappy consequences of it here this winter. Holly has had the worst time but seems now to be getting past the sinus and ear trouble which followed her attack. Little baby Caroline is a dear, just as good and bright as she can be.

It is good to have Marnie home again after her long trip with Miss Royden, and your small children, Constance and William, have grown into giants.

All would want to join me in sending you their warmest love if they knew I was writing.

Ever affectionately yours,

RES:C.

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March 28, 1923

Mrs. Charles E. Reed,  
234 Penn St.,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mig:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have just written Uncle Stewart. I am sorry I have to go off tonight to Syracuse but I shall get back on Friday and shall hope to spend Saturday and Sunday at Piermont.

With a great deal of love to all,

Your affectionate brother,

RES-KC.

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March 28, 1923

Mr. E. S. McMurtrie,  
Hotel Royal Palm,  
Miami, Florida.

My dear Uncle Stewart:

I must write you and Aunt Clara just a word to report on Will's health. More than a fortnight ago he was in town late one night at a dinner of his Yale class and got a chill on his way home which resulted in a bad cold with bronchitis which left him extremely weak. Billy and I spent Sunday afternoon, March 18th, with him and found him looking very badly and feeling very feeble and depressed.

Last Thursday he was very distinctly worse and there were heart complications which, combined with kidney trouble and some stomach trouble from which he has long suffered, and his racking cough from bronchitis, caused the gravest apprehension. I was away in Canada over the week-end and received two anxious telegrams from Home.

On getting back to New York yesterday, I went at once up to Piermont and spent the rest of the day there, and have been there also today before coming into New York. Will recognized me each time I was in the room, but many of his thoughts are confused. There are two nurses in the home and either Elliott or one of the neighbors are there all the time. The doctor has also been spending the night. One of Will's classmates, Dr. Alexander Lambert, one of the best consultants here, has been out twice. The judgment of the doctor seems to be that it is possible that Will might pull through this present attack, but that his condition is very grave, and that it is possible that he may not recover.

Margaret and Peggy and Ella are very bright and sensible and everything is being done and will be done that can be. We will of course send you word of any further developments. We talked about you this morning when I was with him and it is good to see the frequent expressions of the tenderness of feeling that has grown in him so much in recent years.

With a great deal of love to you and Aunt Clara,

Your affectionate nephew,

RES-AC.

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*George Speer*

*April 5/23*

My dear George,

I must write to tell you of Will's death, which occurred at his home in Piermont, N.Y., early Monday morning, April 2nd. He has been in failing health for several years, but the last critical illness began only three or four weeks ago with a severe chill, and a bad attack of bronchitis, which came as a result of exposure to the cold in going home late in an unheated train. Fortunately he was able to throw off the bronchitis, and, as far as we could judge, the last few days were entirely free from pain.

The funeral was in Huntington yesterday, April 4th. Frank and Mame Adams came by from Mount Union, and there was a little group of friends—a few survivors of our boyhood days. We knew that Will would want to be buried in the big plot on top of the cemetery hill. It is a lovely place, commanding a view of the whole valley between Terrace and Tussey's mountains. There we left him resting yesterday afternoon and came back to New York.

We went to call on Aunt Mime Whittaker as we came down from the cemetery. She is 94 now, and the most vivacious, witty, fine-spirited old lady I think I have ever seen. She was full of the most interesting tales of long ago.

Uncle Stewart and Aunt Clara were not able to get back to Huntington. They had been in Florida and had got as far back as Philadelphia. Aunt Clara, however, had had an attack of ptomaine poisoning, and was laid up in Philadelphia.

You and Mig and I are the only Speers left now of our generation.

I am constantly asked about our great great grand-father, who you used to believe was overhere at the time of the Revolutionary War and on Washington's staff at Valley Forge. Are you still of this view? Have you many of the old genealogical papers? I have a pretty good collection, and I think we ought to get them all together to pass on to the next generation. Don't you think you ought to bequeath to me whatever documents you have?

I wish you were coming on some time when you could see my family. Elliott is married now, and has a dear little daughter, nearly 10 months old. Elliott's wife's mother was a McMurtrie, distantly related to our Huntington McMurtries.

With warm regard,

Your sincere friend,

RES:C.

April Fifth.



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April 21st, 1923

Mrs. William McMurtrie Speer,  
Piermont, N.Y.

My dear Margaret,

I am sending you a few of the letters which have come with regard to Will. If you or Peggy or Ella wish to keep them, please do so, otherwise I shall be glad to put them with my papers.

Ever affectionately yours,

RES:C.

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July 25, 1923

Mr. William Speer,  
Camp Wallula,  
New London, W. V.

My dear William:

Your letter of July 20th and 21st was waiting in Englewood last evening when I got home. Mother and Patty are over at Glen Summit and Feathers and I were at home alone, so we hunted up the things for you, and I have sent you by parcel post today the riding breeches, the knapsack, the towel and soap, nail scissors, brown shoe laces and the linen trousers. I could not find the flash light. Mother will be home tomorrow and perhaps she will know where it is. Mary did not know. I was sorry I did not have a better pair of nail scissors to send you but you can use these until we can get better ones.

As you will have learned from my letter and mother's, the Peters family is not going to camp until the middle of August. I understand that mother has written to you to go back to Grandmother Susie's on August 1st and wait there until we pick you up on our way to camp. I do not know how soon that will be but I hope it may be some time next week.

I read the camp papers with very much interest and will show them to mother and Patty when they come home.

Ever your loving

RES-KC.

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July 24, 1923.

Mrs. Charles L. Reed,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mig:-

It was good to get your letter of July 2nd and to hear of the visit you had at <sup>Brown</sup> Charles. I am sorry to learn of the devastation which the dentist has wrought and hope you are really going to have relief from such a colossal sacrifice.

Demi Friedley has sent me <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ wonderful poem, almost the equal of some of those which Will Graffias used to produce. If you see Demi please tell him I got the poem and am very much obliged for it.

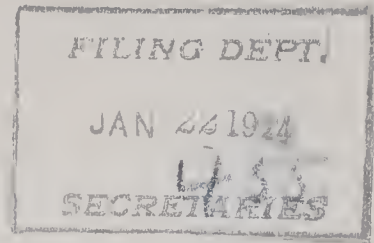
It was very thoughtful of you to suggest your taking a share in the expenses connected with Will's funeral, but those bills were all paid long ago. I was very glad to look after both the Piermont and the Huntingdon charges. I have not seen Margaret or Ella for some time, but Peggy comes down occasionally to help Emma. She is going off soon, I believe, to Middletown to be the secretary of Dean Ladd of the Episcopal Divinity School there.

Marnie sailed for Scotland a fortnight ago with some Scotch friends who were going home. William is at a boys camp up in New London, N.H. Holly and Carolige are over at Glen Summit near Wilkesbarre. Elliot will join them there later. Emma, Constance and I hope to pick up William some time next month and go on to Diamond Pond. I do not know yet just when I will be able to get away.

With a great deal of love to all,

RES-AS

Your affectionate brother,



Dictated 1/15/24

January 16, 1924

Miss Jemima Whitaker,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

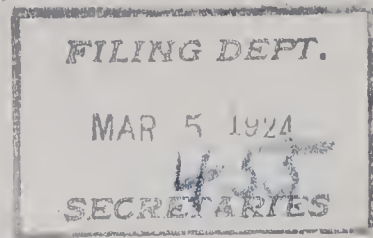
My dear Aunt Mima:

I am sorry to learn from Mig that you have been under the weather a bit and I trust that you are feeling better now and that you will be up and about for some automobile scorching when Aunt Clara comes back and I can come out and join you.

I hope you had a good Christmas day and that the sun is shining as brightly in Huntingdon today as it is here. In any case I know it is shining brightly in your heart. We are all thinking of you and loving you more than ever.

Your affectionate nephew,

RES-KC



February 27th, 1924

Mrs. Charles L. Reed,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mig,

I have had to go by Huntingdon several times recently on through trains and have looked out each time to see the old homes and get if possible any glimpse of familiar faces. I would have stopped off if it had been at all possible to see you and Aunt Mime. The fact that no word has come from you leads one to suppose that Aunt Mime continues just as she was. I trust there is no suffering and that she is as happy and cheerful as ever. I am sorry for all the added care and anxiety that this must be to you.

Emma is down in Nassau in the Bahamas for a couple of weeks. She had her tonsils out about a month ago, and she and Mrs. Cushman thought it would be wise to go down to the West Indies for a little rest. We encouraged their going, and I am glad they have missed the winter weather we have been having the last week. It has been fine weather none the less, and greatly to William's taste. He is deeply interested in birds now, and has a number of feeding trays around the place, and suet fastened on almost all the trees. This morning the song sparrows and finches were here in flocks, greatly to his delight.

I trust that Emma will be getting over to Miami while she is in Nassau and will see Uncle Stewart and Aunt Clara there.

With a great deal of love to Charlie and yourself and to Aunt Mine, to whom I wrote a few weeks ago, I am,

Your loving brother,

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April 3, 1924

Miss Margaret Post Speer,  
Berkeley Divinity School,  
Middletown, Conn.

My dear Peggy:

It was a great pleasure to get your note of March 26th, telling of Mr. Alling's visit to the School. I wish I might have heard his address. Some of these local and state Church Federations are doing excellent work. Some of them, I fear, are not so good, due either to the conditions with which they have to deal or to the men connected with them, but some of them are doing, as I have said, admirably. Last year I went to several of them in cities like Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, and Cleveland, and saw what indispensable work they were carrying on in increasing the efficiency and economy of the work of all the churches.

I was over in eastern Connecticut last week for a series of meetings at Norwich and wish I could have got to Middletown, but I was busy every hour and had to come back from Norwich immediately after the last meeting by way of the New London boat.

We had a happy Sunday in Englewood with all the family united. Marnie and Patty are home for their spring vacations, and Elliott and Holly and Caroline are with us. I hope to be home next Saturday also and if it is a nice day, perhaps William and I can get up to Piermont. Just now we are having an April Fool of a snow storm.

I had a nice letter from Ella a few days ago and a good one from Aunt Mig about Aunt Mimi whose condition changes very little, who is in bed practically all the time, though sitting up now and then for a little while. Uncle Stewart and Aunt Clara were leaving Miami on Saturday, expecting to stay for awhile in Philadelphia. Uncle Stewart sent William a live alligator who lives in a porcelain foot tub in the dining room. He spends all his time in brooding introspection.

It will be nice to see you when you get home this spring, and with a great deal of love from us all, I am

Your affectionate

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April 4, 1924

Miss Jemima Whittaker,  
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Aunt Mima:

Big writes that your health is just about the same as it has been for some time so that I am afraid you are not gadding about the streets very much or joy riding beyond the speed limit, but I know you are happy and whatever the outward conditions are, you are holding fast to a Loving Hand.

I was glad to see Charles Reed a few weeks ago at Troy where I was speaking. He was stopping there on his way back to Boston and he and several of the Huntingdon boys came up to speak to me at the close of the meeting in one of the churches in Troy.

I had a nice letter from Aunt Clara a few days ago and I presume she and Uncle Stewart are in Philadelphia now. When they saw yesterday's snow storm, they must have wished they had stayed awhile longer in Miami. I think it was the heaviest snow-fall we have had this winter and its manners were simply atrocious. By the time it reached this section of the world it had lost its character altogether and showed neither courtesy nor decency nor any consideration whatsoever, but it left the world as beautiful as it ever can be until the good Lord comes back and drives all the sin out of it. William's alligator, which Uncle William sent him from Florida, sleeps right through such outward gales without ever batting an eye.

We are having a happy time at home now with the whole family together. Margaret and Constance are having their spring vacations and Elliott and Polly and the dear little grand-daughter, your great, great, great niece, are with us too. I wish we could have you and Aunt Clara and Emma and Polly and Caroline, the five generations, photographed together.

With a great deal of love from us all,

Your affectionate nephew,

RES-MC

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July 15, 1924

Mr. George G. Speer,  
305 Boston Building,  
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Mr. Speer:

Your letter to Mr. Speer has just been received and I am forwarding the same to him at once. You will no doubt hear from him soon. I am giving you his addresses below, in case you wish to get in touch with him immediately.

Sincerely yours,

KC

Secretary to Mr. Robert L. Speer.

July 16-23:

c/o The Synod of Oregon,  
c/o The Rev. William Moll Case,  
Eugene, Oregon.

July 25-31:

c/c Synod of California,  
First Presbyterian Church,  
Glendale, Cal.

August 1st & 2nd:

c/o Mr. James R. Thorpe,  
412 Colorado Building,  
Denver, Colorado.

(I understand that Mr. Thorpe is away but full directions have been left for the care of Mr. Speer's mail at his office)



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February 25, 1925.

Mrs. Chas. E. Reed,  
234 Penn Street,  
Huntingdon, Penna.

My dear Mig:

Emma and I are very busy trying to complete arrangements for our trip to South America. I have to go down to attend a number of conferences in different countries and Emma is going along partly in her capacity as President of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A. I enclose herewith a copy of our itinerary and mailing list and cable addresses. We are sailing Saturday of this week, going down the east coast directly to Rio and will return by way of the west coast on one of the Grace Line boats from Valparaiso, a three weeks voyage to New York. There will be quite a party going altogether so we are looking forward to having a happy and profitable time.

William has been home with us the last few days from Hotchkiss with a bad cold but he will return to school today or tomorrow. The house will be open while we are gone so that the children can come back there at any time and William will spend his spring vacation there or with Margaret in Bryn Mawr, or with Elliott in Easton

I had a good letter from Aunt Clara yesterday reporting Uncle Stewart very much better and able to sit out comfortably on the porch. While in Washington a few weeks ago, Emma and I saw Aunt Lizzie and her family. She was looking quite well and was confined to her room up stairs. I trust that you and Charley and Charles are all well and that Uncle Arthur has quite recovered from his accident. Please give him my love.

Ever affectionately,

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October 7, 1925

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer,  
North China Union Language School  
Peking, Chihhi, China.

My dear Marnie:

I did not get off a letter to you last week as I had to be away practically all the week. Mother and I, as she no doubt wrote you, drove up with Patty to Hotchkiss <sup>Sept.</sup> Jane the 27th to spend the day with Billy. It was the first Sunday of the school and I spoke at the morning and afternoon services. We had glimpses of Rose who drove down in her car, I believe, on Monday to Bryn Mawr but Patty wanted to get there early so we took her over to Millerton to the train and she came down to New York to catch the 2 o'clock train to Bryn Mawr. Mother and I then drove down to Yorktown Heights to see Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Beaver and then came home by way of Bear Mountain bridge, having had a beautiful trip both up and back.

Mr. and Mrs. Beaver were in the midst of chaos. Mother reproved him very much for giving no account of the conditions. Really it was all I could do to contain myself. There was not one square foot in the hugh establishment that was tidy or in order. Gilbert had been spending the day on the side porch with piles of books in blissful disregard of the six million chores that were appealing on every side to the Christian conscience. It was exasperating but in another sense it was blissfully restful to see how totally negligent the human spirit could be of all external conditions. They had just come back three days before and were planning, I think, to spend part of the winter in Bellefonte, and with their customary boundless generosity, to take into the Yorktown house anybody who wants such a home.

The next day I went out to Towanda, Pa. to speak at several missionary meetings, and went on the same night to Toronto to speak at a great mass meeting to some 3,000 people in Massey Hall at the celebration of the 400th anniversary of William Tyndale's translation of the New Testament. There is no late night train back to New York from Toronto except in the Summer time so I was marooned in Niagara the next day, and for the first time saw the sights of the Falls and the Rapids. It was a rather lonesome day but very interesting and restful. I got back to the office Friday morning and had to attend two

or three meetings simultaneously all day Friday and Saturday morning. The chief conference of these two days was on China. Representatives of all the Mission Boards from the U.S. and Canada which had work in China had come together to discuss various questions and to consider whether the Mission Boards ought to go any further than they have already gone in expressing their deep sympathy with China and their conviction that the treaties ought to be equitably revised. I have not yet seen the final resolutions that were adopted though I was supposed to draft some of them, but I had had quite enough by Saturday noon and went home.

Realizing that we would soon be in town and away from all Englewood books I sat me down Saturday afternoon to write the last of the fourteen papers out of which I am making two new volumes which are to appear this winter. One of them will be the Sprunt Lectures at the Union Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. The other will be a volume on "The Church and Missions" in the English Series which contain Miss Royden's book on "The Church and Woman." I wrote away Saturday afternoon between five and six hours without stopping and finished the job. Sun

Sunday I came into New York to speak at the Fifth Avenue Church morning and afternoon and Mother and Miss Clara Reed and Christine Hammer, who were spending Sunday in Englewood, came in with me to the morning service, William driving us in and taking Mother and Miss Clara back to Englewood for dinner.

This week has gone very busily thus far. Monday night Mother came in to a dinner at Miss Cratty's, who has returned from Europe, and last night I had to go out to speak at Butler to the Methodist ministers of Northern New Jersey. This morning I am speaking in a few minutes now to the women's meeting here on India. Tomorrow night I am going to a dinner given by the Carnegie Foundation to the delegates to the Interparliamentary Union meetings. Miss Clara Reed is still with us and she and Mother are coming in today to a meeting of the National Board.

It looked for a few weeks as though Mother and I would be coming out to China this winter. The China Council sent a long cablegram asking for me or Dr. Brown to come out to attend a series of conferences which it was proposed to hold in the winter or early spring, one in Tsinanfu, one in Shanghai and one in Canton, to survey all our Presbyterian missionary work and to plan its policies in view of present conditions. The Board accordingly asked me to arrange to go. I proceeded to do so although it would mean cancelling dozens of engagements made for the winter and spring. It also meant some re-arrangements of our apartment plans here. Still it seemed clear to me that I ought to go and that was the end of the difficulties. Now, however, another cablegram has come from the China Council stating that it seems best to defer any conferences until autumn. One can surmise some of the reasons for this change of view. I trust that it means that the Council feels more at ease with regard to the situation

and its consequent problems. Mother and I have accordingly given up any thought of going this winter and shall begin to think out now what might be arranged if it is my duty to go out next Fall. It will be rather difficult to go before Patty and Billy get started in school in September.

Mother is still greatly pleased with the plan to move in for the winter to the little apartment in the new building in Gramercy Square. I think she is going to find it pretty difficult to be comfortable in the sonstricted space after all the room of our big house in Englewood, and I am afraid the city will be both more tedious and more exacting, and that she will get bound up in all kinds of entanglements that will make it hard to get back to the country again.

I have just been reading an interesting speech of Mr. Gandhi's to the Calcutta Christian Missionary Conference last July. In it Mr. Gandhi makes his position with regard to Christianity very clear. The following is one of the paragraphs:

"I do not profess Christianity today - and I am here to tell you in all humility that for me Hinduism, as I find it, entirely satisfies my soul, fills my whole being and I find a solace in the Bhagavad-Gita, in the Upanishads, that I miss even in the Sermon on the Mount. Not that I do not prize it as dearly as life itself, not that some of the precious teachings in the Sermon on the Mount have not left a deep impression upon me, but I must confess to you that when doubt haunts me, when disappointment stares me in the face and all alone I see not one ray of light, I go back to the Bhagavad-Gita. I find a verse here and a verse there and I immediately begin to smile in the midst of overwhelming sorrow, in the midst of overwhelming tragedies - and my life has been full of external tragedies - and if they have left no visible or no indelible scar upon me, I owe it all to the teachings of the Bhagavad-Gita. I have told you this thing in order to make absolutely clear to you where I stand so that you may have, if you will, a closer hand-grip with me that here is a man who has approached Christianity with prayerfulness, with all the humility that he was capable of showing and expressing, with all the truth that he could command and with fear of none but God."

The address was followed by many questions. I quote the following paragraphs from the report:

"Asked as to what he thought of Christ himself as apart from his teachings, or the scriptures or of Christianity as was preached, the speaker replied that he considered that Christ was one of the greatest teachers that had appeared on earth. He could not see anything more in him.

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"To the question whether apart from the Christ of History, he realised within him, the presence of the Living Christ, Mahatmaji replied that if Christ was a convertible term with that which he felt to be the power within him, then he would say, 'Yes.' If other than this, any exclusive claim was made for Christ, he would say 'No.'"

He also made an address to the Indian Christians in August on the Brotherhood of Man, which had a good deal less grip and vitality in it than I should have anticipated.

The leaves are beginning to change now and within a fortnight the country will be dressed in its richest beauty. I wish I could go up through New Hampshire and Vermont. Perhaps the glory will not be over two weeks from now when Mother and I expect to drive out to Harrisburg and on to State College where I have to speak.

It was good to get your letters from Japan and your cablegram from Peking. We shall await now with great interest your first letters from China.

With dearest love from all,

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Dictated 10/28/25

October 29, 1925

Miss Margaret B. Speer,  
American Presbyterian Mission,  
Peking, Chihli, China.

My dear Marnie:

Mother told me last evening that she had just written you a 16 page letter so that I imagine there is no news left for me to send, but I enclose herewith, just for your private information, an account of the automobile incident of which no doubt mother spoke, and I am also sending a number of newspaper clippings.

After leaving mother in Harrisburg on Saturday, I went on by train to State College and spoke there Sunday morning and evening. It was a wet, dreary, blustery day, and I was rather glad that mother was comfortably resting at Uncle Ed's. Monday morning the State College sent me over in the College car to Huntingdon. I stopped at Alexandria on the way to call on the McAteers. It was the 60th Anniversary of Mrs. McAteer's wedding day and I was glad to be able to drop in to cheer her up. From Alexandria I went on to Huntingdon and had two hours there with Uncle Stewart and Aunt Clara and Aunt Mig. Uncle Stewart has been very ill and again and again they expected that he would slip away, which he himself has been anxious to do, but on Monday he was up and dressed, and Aunt Clara said it was the best day he had had for a long time. She has a trained nurse but it is easy to see that the anxiety has worn on her. She looks twenty years older than she did a few years ago.

Aunt Mig and Uncle Charley are expecting to go off on one of the Clark Round-the-World Cruises next January, so that you will probably be seeing them in Peking some time in the spring.

I left Huntingdon at half past eleven Monday morning and joined mother at North Philadelphia. She had gone early in the morning to Bryn Mawr to see Patty and Patty came with her to North Philadelphia. Patty has found college life very intoxicating, I think, and has not yet acquired the dutiful habit of writing a weekly letter home. She was looking very well and is full of life and action.

A number of friends have sent me word about Elliott's appearance before the Synod of Pennsylvania where he spoke about Lafayette College and the College work there. Everybody was delighted with him and I have heard only warmest praise for him.

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Mother is leaving this evening for Kansas City to speak at the Y.W.C.A. there and also at the National Meeting of the Women's Societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She is coming back in time to go to Octavia Howard's wedding in Baltimore which I think Patty also expects to attend.

We are very comfortable at 52 Gramercy Park, but it seems just like a playhouse. The difficulty will be to get exercise. Last evening we took a little walk just before bed time but I can't say that it is very interesting to walk around the streets of New York at night. The chief occupants of the streets around Gramercy Park were ladies and gentlemen being towed around by small dogs. I asked mother whether she did not want to get Feathers back from Grandmother Susie in order that she might go marching around in the evening at the little dog's tail.

Sam Shoemaker is now Rector of Calvary Church which is only a block from us. He is working hard to get new life and energy into the Church and I trust he may succeed.

With dearest love from us all

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Dictated 11/12/25

November 13, 1925

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer,  
American Presbyterian Mission,  
Peking, Chihli, China.

My dear Marnie:

I got back yesterday from a busy visit in Chicago. Last Friday I started from New York, stopping that evening in Lancaster where I had to make the same address at two big simultaneous mass meetings, celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the Reformed Church in the United States. Then after a good after-meeting repast of pretzels and rich Lancaster County milk, I took a late night train to Chicago. All the next day was very wet and rainy and I had a beautiful time on the train reading the Letters of J. R. Green who wrote a Short History, preparing addresses for Chicago, and brooding over the work of the Commission of Fifteen appointed to consider the causes of unrest in the Church and to make some report that might promote its purity and unity and progress. An hour or two before reaching Chicago I discovered Uncle Tim on the train. When we got into the grand new Union Station in Chicago it was snowing hard but we got a taxi out to the house. All the family were there except Katherine, who went around the world with her father and mother, and who is now at school in Indianapolis. Margaret has two little children and is the picture of health. Libs also looked very much better and more normal. I spoke in three different Churches on Sunday to great companies, and three times on Monday, beginning with the Anti-Saloon League Convention and ending with the Presbyterian Social Union Dinner at which there were 1100 people present from 75 Churches and where I was glad of the opportunity to drive Foreign Missions home with every energy I had.

I left Chicago that same night for Columbus and spent the whole day there with President Thompson of the University and with Dr. Work. We three are a sub-Committee of the Commission of Fifteen, and we had a most helpful day's conference, interrupted only at noon by our all going down to the great Luncheon of the Community Chest Campaign, at which I was called on to speak. I began by saying that I had not sought any such opportunity and told them of the bridegroom who was given a surprise wedding breakfast, at which, without warning, to his consternation, he was called on for a speech. In his embarrassment he put his hand on the bride's shoulder and began, "This thing was thrust upon me." There was a good story in one of the Green Letters. Green had been in an English cemetery, where, disgusted at last with all the pagan emblems of broken shafts etc., he asked the old Sacristan: "Are there no Christians buried here?" "Oh, yiss Sir," he replied, "we buries the Dissenters on the other side of the cemetery." I find that mother is making speeches right and left and



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north and south. Last Sunday she discoursed in several Brooklyn Churches and informed me this morning that she was going to Rochester for the coming Sunday. Yesterday she was out with Mrs. Welles and Holly, lunching with "K."

Tonight we are having a little dinner party for twenty friends whom we are taking to the concert tonight of the Dayton Westminster Choir. I think I told you about this Choir last summer. It has been developed by a genius named Finley Williamson out of the local material available in Dayton. I heard them sing in Columbus last May and it was the most heavenly music I ever listened to. I trust there will be a houseful to hear the Choir tonight.

I am sending you herewith an account of the Princeton-Harvard football game last Saturday. I have no doubt Randolph will be glad to see it. Enclosed also is one of Millard's letters in the "New York Times" on affairs in China.

Uncle Stewart is very, very ill, as I think I wrote you. I had a letter from Aunt Clara yesterday stating that he might pass away at any time, and yet he has rallied again and again and may rally once more. I often think of that long row of the Whittakers in the old cemetery at Huntingdon with the ages ranging from 70 to 96.

Patty is still lost in the whirl of Bryn Mawr. I have not had a letter from her since she went there and mother, I think, has had two lead pencil letters. I have written jokingly to Patty about it thus far but it is beginning to get serious and I think I shall write to her now that unless she reforms, we will take her out of Bryn Mawr and send her to Wilson College or Albert Lea, Minnesota.

I have just finished the two missionary books on which I have been working. One went to the printer last week and the proofs ought to be here by the first of December. These will be the Lectures which I am to deliver in Richmond in January when mother and I will go down there for a week. The other book is for the Living Church Series which contain Miss Royden's volume on "The Church and Woman." I have written on "The Church and Missions," sketching the history, the principles of Missions, and then discussing the present-day problems. I will see that copies of both books go to you in due time.

With dearest love from us all,

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Newspaper clippings sent under separate cover;

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November 18, 1925

Miss Margaret B. Speer,  
American Presbyterian Mission,  
Peking, Chihli, China.

My dear Marnie:

We have just sent you a cablegram, as follows: "MERSB ILBYV" which being interpreted means: "Loving greetings from the family." I hope this will reach you in good time for your birthday, and that it may be a very bright and happy day, undisturbed by warfare between General Chang, General Feng and General Wu.

It is good to read in the papers of the hopeful progress of the Customs Conference, and I trust that everything may work out well and prepare the way for a harmonious and helpful conference on extraterritoriality and the political questions.

It was very good to get your letter telling of the discussions of the missionary group and of your respect for John Hayes' view. It certainly is a difficult matter in which to see perfectly straight. It is clear that there are political duties from which Missions cannot escape; for example, missionaries have to have passports. They are not allowed to enter India without certain permissions. These and other duties must be discharged or we are not allowed in the modern world to get to the mission field. It is conceivable that Missions might take the position, "We will of course discharge all our duties but we will claim no rights." The difficulty about this position, however, is that it is not always possible to distinguish between duties and rights. There are rights which perhaps it is a duty not to surrender and there are other rights which perhaps one is not allowed to surrender, even if he would.

As a matter of fact, I do not believe that Missions would be bothered very much over these questions if they would go steadily about their own business in the right spirit. If we sought simply to serve people in love and unselfishness, we might occasionally get involved in tangles, as in the case of Ben Labaree's murder by the Kurds some years ago in Western Persia, but these things would be very rare. On the other hand, it must be recognized that perhaps they would not be so rare, if it were not for the political pressures exerted throughout the modern world in behalf of order and justice.

It is very curious to see the reversal of form on the part of some of those who have been most insistent the last few years on the application of Christian principles to the social and economic order. Some of these very

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people are now the most aggressive in arguing that Christians should keep Christianity entirely aloof from politics and legislation. How the social and economic and political order is to be Christianized at the same time that Christianity is kept entirely apart from these problems is a hard nut to crack.

Personally, I should be satisfied if we could get a universal acceptance of the principle of religious liberty and toleration. This would involve no preferential policy, no exclusive or party rights, but simply give us a world of freedom in which the Truth would make its way by its own power.

I had a good Sunday at College, Schenectady, in the morning, Troy in the afternoon, and the First Presbyterian Church in Albany in the evening. The meeting at Troy was the monthly meeting for students held by Dr. Zelig in his Church at Vespers. The Church was packed with students from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, from the Sage College and from the Emma Willard Seminary. Mother went off to spend Sunday in Rochester and came back with a very bad cold, which, however, seems pretty well gone this morning. It kept her, though, from the Board dinner Monday night at the Hotel Astor which was given by Uncle Ned, at which Dr. McAfee made a very interesting report on his trip as the Joseph Cook Lecturer this past year.

Mother and Patty and I expect to go to Harrisburg for Thanksgiving Day to attend Martha Bailey's wedding. I hope the Buick will be fixed by that time and that it can be delivered to us in Harrisburg on Thanksgiving so that we can come back together. It will give Patty a chance for some more practice driving. She will have to be back at College on Sunday evening.

Every kind of activity and agency seems to be engaged in an exercise of introspection at present and asking itself what it is about and whether it is about it right and whether it needs to be about it any longer. It is all very wholesome, provided it is not kept up too long and provided the investigation of the machine is conducted in such a way that the machine is not stopped and the fires under the boiler are not extinguished in the process. I asked some of the students the other day who were engaged in discarding everything, why they did not do the same thing in fly fishing. What business had they continuing to use the old flies and the old style of tackle? Indeed, why did they derive any pleasure at all from an exercise so antiquated and stereotyped?

We have been having beautiful weather since we came to town. The only very bad night was the evening we took our party to the Dayton Westminster Choir. I trust you are having a pleasant fall in Peking and that you may not find the coming winter uncomfortable.

With dearest love from us all,

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December 2, 1925

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer,  
American Presbyterian Mission,  
Peking, Chihli, China.

My dear Marnie:

I am in the office for just a day and a half between week absences. Last week when I got home Sunday evening from speaking at the Annual Vesper Service of the Protestant Public School Teachers' Association of New York, I found a telegram from Aunt Clara reporting that Uncle Stewart had died on Saturday night. He had been sick for a long time, and the last few weeks had been suffering greatly, so that it was a relief to him and to every one when the end came. Aunt Clara had had excellent nurses and a good old doctor in Huntingdon, and of course, friends all around, but she was pretty well worn out with her long care of Uncle Stewart, which has extended over years. As soon as I could get things cleared up here I went out, arriving early Tuesday morning, and was with her until after the funeral Wednesday afternoon. They had postponed it in order that Bess North, now Mrs. Kip, might come on from her home in Houston, Texas. It snowed almost all day Wednesday and was snowing at the time of the funeral.

Mother had been in Washington Monday night with the Lansings, speaking at the Y.W.C.A. dinner and had come on to Harrisburg on Tuesday. She came up to Huntingdon in time for the funeral and then returned to Harrisburg in order to meet Constance there Wednesday evening. I went down late Wednesday night and we three stayed at Auntie Faye's.

We had a beautiful Thanksgiving Day, with a grand dinner, to which dear old Dr. Guilford and his family came over from Lebanon. It was Dr. Guilford's 93rd birthday, and there was a big cake with 93 candles on it. After dinner we all went to the wedding which was performed by the Pastor of the Market Square Church, while I took the prayers. Martha is marrying a widower with two little children. There were no bridesmaids, except Elizabeth, followed by one of her daughters and the little daughter of the bridegroom, who added a lovely touch by rushing across the platform and throwing herself into her father's arms, as he was waiting for Uncle Ed. to come with the bride. After the wedding there was a reception in the Riley's big house next to Uncle Ed's with dozens and dozens and dozens of Baileys and their husbands and wives and children.

After the reception I went back to Huntingdon to help Aunt Clara for Friday and Saturday, going on Saturday afternoon to Pittsburgh to speak at four meetings there on Sunday. I came back on the midnight train to New York, and have had yesterday and this morning here, and I am going down this after-

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noon to Atlantic City, first for a meeting of the Assembly's Commission on Unrest in the Church, and then for a meeting of the General Council of the Church. Next Sunday I hope to have at home here with mother. She may go up to Hotchkiss for Saturday, as William's birthday is on Sunday.

Uncle Stewart left all his estate to Aunt Clara and made her executrix. This has very much simplified matters in settling up the estate. Aunt Clara seems quite well and cheerful now, and it will be a different world for her with complete freedom from the great burden of anxiety and care which she has borne for so many years in connection with Uncle Stewart and Uncle Arthur.

I am sending you a number of packages of papers, including an illustrated supplement of the New York "Times" which mother thought you might like to see. Last week I sent you a copy of George Stewart's "Life of Henry Wright," hoping it would reach you in time for Christmas. We have had so much on hand this fall that very little thought has been given to Christmas yet. I think mother got some things off to you, however, a few days ago, in the trust that they would reach you in time.

I took out to Aunt Clara the photograph which you had left for her for Christmas. She was delighted to get it. She has pictures of us all around the house, with the exception, I think, of Constance. We must see that she has one of Patty's pictures. Aunt Clara and Aunt Mig and Bess Kip and all the Harrisburg people asked about you and sent you a great deal of love.

I purloined the enclosed letter from mother last evening. It had come to my office for her and I gave it to her while we were at dinner at the Bryn Mawr Club last evening, telling her that I was going to send it to you. I told her that the phrase "whose knowledge of the subject is exceeded by no one" is a little difficult to parse, but that the meaning of it is quite clear and admirable.

It has been very good to get your letters. The last one, dated November 8th, has just come this minute.

With regard to the first month's salary matter about which you ask, Mr. Carter tells me that the practice of the Treasurer's office is to provide new missionaries going out to the field with the full amount needed for their journey, with a margin of \$50. or more over, which they can use until their first salary payment is received. Here at home in the Board offices, the Secretaries' salaries are all paid at the end of the month. The Home Allowances for the missionaries on furlough are sent out about the third week in the month, but they can always draw their first month's Home Allowance in advance, and the same thing would be true of a missionary on the field. He could draw from the Mission Treasurer his first month's salary as much in advance as he might need, in case the margin over traveling in his hands was insufficient.

Of course the salaries on the field are paid not by the Board's Treasurer here but by the field Treasurer. In the case of the China Missions I believe they are paid from the central office in Shanghai.

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As to Henry's having been given \$90. less than the travelling expenses of his and Jo's trip, that might be accounted for possibly by the scale of his expenditure. The Treasurer's office knows what the average normal cost of the journey from America to the field is, and makes its provision on this basis. An individual missionary, however, might very much exceed this. I will find out from the Treasurer's office what the amount was that was supplied to Henry in order to ascertain whether it left him with too narrow a margin.

With regard to the people who arrived at the Language School the middle of September and got no salary until November 1st, something certainly should be done. They ought to have written to the Treasurer in Shanghai and asked for an advance, but even without their writing, they ought not to have been allowed to go six weeks "without any money from the Board." Is it true that none of these people had any balance over from the money supplied them in New York which they could use during these six weeks?

Your affectionate

RES-KC

P.S.

Since writing this, Mr. Carter has looked over the travel accounts of the people who went out to China this year as they have been returned from the Shanghai office, and finds that all of them had in their hands at the time of rendering the account, anywhere from \$100. to \$200., so that if any of them needed money, they might either have retained this, or in returning any to the Treasurer in Shanghai, have asked for an advance on salary. The one exception in the matter of the balance on hand is Henry's case, and I wonder if the difficulty there may not have arisen from the fact that Henry's travel account included Jo's expenditures, while the Treasurer's office here had instructions from Dr. Scott that Jo was expecting to defray her own travelling expenses to the field?

With regard to the students in the Language School, Mr. Carter is at a loss to understand how they could have gone six weeks without any payment, inasmuch as the salary payments are supposed to be checked up every thirty days. Were there some of these students who did not have any balance over of their travel account and could not get anything from the Treasurer in Shanghai and who received no communication from him for six weeks?

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4 packages of papers sent under separate cover.

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My dear Marnie,

I have forgotten what day I wrote you last. These days have been so crowded that one does not remember anything that he does not make a written record of, and the last week has been just as full as ever. I spent the two first days of it trying to help a Committee of the Student Volunteer Movement, which is re-examining its inwards. When the undergraduate body shifts so fast, this sort of thing has to be done over and over and over again and I think I pretty nearly earned release, and I do not believe I ought to undertake to do this particular job again. It has meant patiently educating a number of people in ideas and principles and facts which it is good for them to know, but which it is a little wearisome ~~fortune~~ to go over so often.

I do try to keep on the watch for new viewpoints and new principles, or new light on old principles but, indeed, it is hard to find much among all the effervescent irresponsibility of these present years. I am glad Elliott and you kept your footing solid all the time and have held your thinking and your doing tight together.

On Wednesday I went to Detroit to a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council. There were very lively doings there over the question of prohibition and as to what the facts were with regard to law enforcement and conditions consequent upon the adoption of the prohibition policy. I spoke Thursday evening with a nice man from Wales, who had come over to present a Memorial from the Church in Wales. I sent <sup>you</sup> a copy of this and also of a memorial from the women of Wales which was brought over more than a year ago. Dr. Cadman was not present at the moment, so I received the address and then went on to make a speech of my own on the League of Nations.

I left Detroit at midnight and got back to New York at 6:30 Friday evening, just in time to get to a South American dinner at the Y.W.C.A., at which we had a re-union of about half of our South American party of last spring. Then we had a nice evening meeting at Mrs. Cushman's with about 100 people present, including all our party and a great many friends of the Cushmans whom we wanted to interest in South America. Mr. Inman showed some pictures, and I spoke.

On Saturday I had to go to Philadelphia and spoke there three times on Sunday- at Haddonfield in the morning, Norristown in the afternoon and at the closing meeting of the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration of the Gaston Presbyterian Church in the evening. People who think that the Church is losing ground ought to be at such meetings as these. The evening meeting was jammed to the door, and all the lecture rooms thrown open and the walls lined with people. Five ladies with golden harps played on the pulpit. I felt as though I had reached my heavenly home as I sat among them. I found to my delight that the leader of them, the greatest harpist in Philadelphia, was a girl from Huntingdon, whom I had known as a little child. At Norristown in the afternoon Hig was the only one who came to the meeting, Uncle Horace and Aunt Helen and Katharine were in Atlantic City. Aunt Helen has had a terrible time this winter with doctors and surgeons but seems to be coming through all right.

On Monday I stayed in Philadelphia to speak at a big luncheon the University of Pennsylvania was having in the interest of the Christian work in the University. It had the hearty endorsement of the University authorities, and I was invited to help enlist the sympathy of the ministers of all denominations in Philadelphia. I told them that there was no body who had more right to be there than I. I was born in the town that was founded by the first Provost of the University and named after his patroness, the Countess of Huntingdon, and that I had in my possession the parchment deed which William Smith the first Provost gave to my great great grandfather for the land in Huntingdon where the railway station now stands. I also referred with satisfaction to an occasion when I was disqualified from the football game on Franklin field for punching the head of a mucker on the University of Pennsylvania football team. I can still remember the satisfaction of that occasion. The man deserved all that he got and I think it did him good.

Now I have had one day for dictation in the office, the only full day I will have for weeks, and am trying to catch up with many things that have accumulated. To-night, Mother and I are going up to dine with Miss Alice Divison and Mr. and Mrs. Lee of Columbia, two simple, unostentatious missionaries who are gold all through and through, who never make any complaints and never ask any favors, but who hew stones and build walls and turn out life wherever they go. They worked one miracle in Barranquilla and are now working another one in Bogota.

It will not be many days before the children come back. Elliott and Holly and Patty and Billy will be with us in rooms at 52 Gramercy Park, while Sophie and Caroline will be with Mrs. Welles.

I enclose herewith a clipping from the "New York Times" with regard to the World Court Student Conference in Princeton. It began simply <sup>with</sup> a consideration of the question of the Court but, as you see, has grown into a general Student Movement. I hope some good will come from it. But no body that changes every four years can take care of permanent administrative tasks such as these that are outlined. If they are to be done, they will call for a secretariat, and that will mean a non-student group posing as students, just as a number of the secretaries in the student Christian movements have been doing.

I enclose also a table from Mr. Mellon's report as Secretary of the Treasury which may be of interest to you, showing that 80% of our government expenditures is on war account. A little while ago some of the militarists were making a great hullabaloo over the falsity of this charge, but they cannot get away from Mr. Mellon's own plain statement. In the accompanying texts he said some severe words about the people who do not see the need of such international associations as will help to relieve mankind of this colossal burden of taxation caused by war.

I wish we could have sent you more of Christmas remembrances. Some went off to you which I hope will reach you by Christmas time. Mother, I think, got off several packages, and I sent you a fortnight ago a copy of George Stewart's "Life of Henry Wright", who was one of the purest and finest and noblest Christian characters I have ever known.

With warmest love from all of us,

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer,  
American Presbyterian Mission,  
Peking, Chili, China.



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December 17, 1925

Mrs. Charles L. Reed,  
234 Penn St.,  
Puntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mig:

It was good to get yesterday your letter of December 14th, and last evening when I got home the Christmas parcel had arrived. I had just sent you in the morning a package which I hope will be getting to you safely.

Marnie will of course be looking for you and Charley when you get to Peking. She is living at present with Mr. and Mrs. Steinbeck in the Presbyterian Mission Compound at the north end of the city in Er Tial Ho Tung (Second Street). She will know of course of your coming and if you could send her any word, I am sure she would be at the train to meet you.

I am glad to hear of the opening of the Hollidaysburg Home. It costs a good deal to keep these Homes up, however, and I trust the Presbytery will not find that it has too heavy a burden on its hands.

George Speer stopped in the office the other day when I was away but left no address so that I do not know where to reach him and he has not been back since.

We are hoping to have William home tomorrow and Constance on Tuesday. I think Elliott and Holly are coming on Monday for the week. A friend in our apartment house who is going away for the holidays has put her rooms at our disposal so that we shall have a very happy and comfortable time together.

I trust you may all have a good Christmas,

With warmest love to Charley and to Charles,

Your affectionate brother,

RES-KG.

Marnie's mail address is simply care American Presbyterian Mission, Peking.

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Dictated 12/23/25

December 30, 1925

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer,  
American Presbyterian Mission,  
Peking, Chihli, China.

My dear Marnie:

We are all snugly tucked away now in 52 Gramercy Park. Billy came home last Friday, Elliott and Holly drove over from Easton on Monday, and Patty came from Bryn Mawr yesterday afternoon. Elliott and Holly have a room on the same floor with us, only three doors away. Patty and Billy have an apartment on the 7th floor belonging to a friend who has gone home to Pittsburgh for the holidays and has placed her three rooms, a sitting room and two bed rooms, at our disposal during her absence.

We have had with us since Saturday a Cambridge man who is a Davison scholar at Princeton, Philip Fletcher. He had a letter of introduction from Bob Barber to Patty, so mother invited him up for part of the holidays. He seems like a good sort of English boy, with a good nature, good principles and a good red head.

Saturday afternoon, he and Billy and mother and I and Mr. George Scott and his two older daughters, and two friends of theirs, and a friend of Billy's, and a daughter of ex-Governor Whitman all went to lunch with Mrs. Cushman at the Cosmopolitan Club, where Mr. Cushman joined us after lunch, and we all went to see "Hamlet in Modern Dress." It was really very interesting and one did not mind the novelty of costume at all. Hamlet was excellent, although he wore not only modern dress but walked with a modern college swagger as I imagine not even a modern Prince of Denmark would do. Hamlet's stepfather, the King of Denmark and Laertes were played in a way that made you entirely satisfied to see those gentlemen killed off. It might have taken place with advantage earlier than the closing scene. Ophelia was a jewel and Polonius was not half bad. I think possibly he too deserved to be killed but he ought to have been spared longer than the King and Laertes.

Sunday morning we went down to the First Church where Dr. Bruce Taylor, Principal of King's College, Kingston, Ontario, preached a very spicy sermon, a very interesting mixture of the traditions of the Scotch pulpit and modern Americanism. Roger Loomis and Christine Hammer went with us to Church and then came to dinner. I asked Roger if he knew the origin of the name Gregory. Roger was delighted with the question and thanked me for asking it and embarked on an interesting unfolding of some of his ideas as to how history has been colored by myth. He did not know the origin of the name, however, and I had

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not known it until I came on it that very morning. It appears to have been an invention of the early Christians from the Greek verb "gregoreo," meaning "watch." The idea, as embodied in Christ's admonitions, and in St. Paul's epistles, appears so to have appealed to the early Christians that they turned it into a proper name.

Sunday evening, although it rained hard, mother and I walked down to the First Church again, as the Sunday School was to give a Pageant of the Nativity and mother wanted to see how the children did it. In the afternoon Christine and Philip went to St. Thomas's to hear the "Messiah," while Billy and I walked from Gramercy Park to Uncle Ned's and then on to see Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Schauffler. I had meant to borrow some more detective stories from Mrs. Schauffler but I forgot all about it, greatly to Billy's disappointment. Uncle Ned was greatly delighted with the letter which he had from you. Mr. and Mrs. Moody were staying with them. Mr. Moody has not been at all well and the doctors have told him he must let up and stop for a while..

Last evening the family went to see a play by the Princeton Triangle Club. Mother considered it a great waste of good capacity but Patty and Billy, I believe, were charmed with it. Tomorrow night we hope to go to the "Messiah" and then we shall be down with Mrs. Welles for Christmas dinner.

Some time during the holidays Billy and I hope to get over to Harrisburgh to get the car and bring it back to Englewood. I have not made a statement of the damages yet but I hope there is going to be no trouble in recovering them. The man who was responsible for the accident admitted his responsibility and promised to pay all necessary damages.

I enclose herewith a statement from Mr. Cavert regarding the Federal Council meeting at Detroit which may interest you.

I am waiting now to have a good talk with Dr. Patton, Vice Chairman of the China Council, before formulating plans for next fall. At its meeting on Monday the Board voted to send Mrs. Roys and Miss Schultz on a visit to the Far East this year and I urged that in view of their going, I should be excused, but the Board would not consent to this, so that I shall study things out as to what mother and I can do as soon as I can have a talk with Dr. Patton. There is a meeting in Sweden this summer to which I ought to go but I do not see any possibility of doing so. It is a meeting of the Ad Interim Committee of the International Missionary Council.

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I have just read the last of the proofs of the Lectures at Richmond in January. The book will bear the title "The Unfinished Task of Foreign Missions." The other book which I wrote for the British Living Church Series was sent off some weeks ago, and I had a nice letter from Professor McFadyen, stating that it is entirely satisfactory, and that he has no changes to suggest, not even though it runs a bit over length, and that proofs will be sent as soon as possible.

Your package for Patty came yesterday. I told her that it had come and that I would put it away for her until Christmas morning. I have also this

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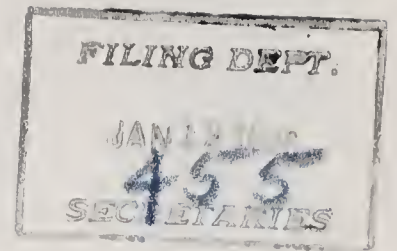
morning a note from the post office regarding a customs package which has come but I do not know whether this is from Asia, Europe or South America.

Billy came over for me last evening and we walked home together and I introduced him to my big policeman friend at Twenty-third Street and Fifth Avenue. He knew about your going to China and asked after you and recognized Billy at once as a boy he had seen going past in the morning with a pair of skates and another boy. The big fellow is certainly a refreshing, friendly character.

We shall all be thinking of you on Christmas Day. Your interesting account of your visit to the Hills and your run for the railway train came last week and Mrs. Welles sent us Henry's account of the evening picnic at the Altar of Heaven. I hope you may have some such further happiness for Christmas Day.

With dearest love from us all,

RES-KC



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January 6, 1926

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer,  
American Presbyterian Mission,  
Peking, Chihli, China.

My dear Marnie:

The holidays with the children are drawing to a close. Elliott and Holly have gone back to Easton and Patty returns to Bryn Mawr today and Billy to Hotchkiss on Thursday. We have had a very happy time together and I think the children have thoroughly enjoyed the novelty of the holidays in the city. It has been gay dissipation in comparison with the quiet Puritan times in Englewood. As I think I wrote you, we went to a happy luncheon party with Aunt Vera the Saturday before Christmas and then to see "Hamlet in Modern Dress." Christmas night we all took dinner with the Welleses and then went in two parties, mother and Laird and Kay and Billy and I went to Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man," which was very amusing and good. It was in a little bit of a theatre, with only about half the seats filled, but thoroughly funny and wholesome. Then Billy had a great party for us all when we went to "The Princess Flavia" which is nothing but "The Prisoner of Zenda" lightened up with music and color. It was really very pretty indeed. The second night after that we all went to hear Roland Hayes, the negro tenor. He was excellent but Carnegie Hall was too big for him and I think that he illustrates the antithesis of race prejudice. I believe his color is helpful to his popularity and fame instead of a hindrance. It was nice to see the audience with negroes and whites mixed throughout. In the matter of appreciative applause it seemed to me that the white people were even more hearty than the colored.

The Sunday after Christmas we all went to the First Church to hear Richard Roberts. It was a very good sermon but I think it was a little too downright in its applications of the doctrine of the Manger and the Cross for some of the good friends in the First Church whose way of life lies pretty far from these two symbols, and yet their way of life is full of high-mindedness and generosity. That is the everlasting problem of society, how to combine St. Francis and the family and art and literature, how to put St. Francis and Petrarch into one society.

All the Sundays this month except one I am speaking in Dr. Jefferson's Church, the Broadway Tabernacle. He is on a year's trip around the world and will be getting to Peking before long. We had good congregations on Sunday and I had much satisfaction in preaching in the morning on "Christ may dwell in your hearts," and in the evening on "Now God fill you with all joy." The one Sunday that I shall not be at the Broadway Tabernacle mother and I will be in Richmond,

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Va. We are going down on the 20th, staying with the Parrishes there. Mother will be speaking at a number of Y.M.C.A. meetings and I shall be delivering the Sprunt Lectures in Union Theological Seminary.

We have cut out of the papers the accounts of the Student Conference in Evanston and mother will be sending them to you. I am afraid they are altogether too newspaper reportery, but the full report of the Conference is to be printed and I will get you a copy. I am afraid, however, that they will expurgate it. It seems to have been an interesting meeting in which there were radical elements and conservative also. The radical leader appears to have been a student many years out of college, however, our old friend, Treadwell Smith, whom you may remember, as doing home mission work on the Magalloway River several summers ago. The good country folk up there admired his zeal but it would have been interesting to have Deacon Cahill's comments on him.

We had a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Executive Committee of the Student Volunteer Movement yesterday and they adopted, with very few changes, the report which I had approved, as Chairman of the Commission of Inquiry. If I can get you a copy of it later, I will send it to you. I think it was worth while spending all the time that we did spend in going over the problems that one has been over again and again and again and which will have to be gone over again and again and again in the future. I think the students really felt that we had all been thinking together in the matter and they were very cordial in their expression of appreciation of the attitude of the older members and of the result that was reached.

I am sending you in a separate envelope a lot of material regarding the work of "The Inquiry." I think there is danger that these people will get all coiled up inside themselves. Harrison Elliott does not commend himself much to our Elliott. One would like to take a lot of this crowd out over Crystal Mountain and give their human stuff a thoroughly good hammering. They are spinning out the gossamer pretty thin.

I enclose a few newspaper clippings of talk at the American Association for the Advancement of Science and also an interesting statement of Don Seitz who was one of Uncle Will's great friends and who has been for years one of the ablest newspaper men in New York.

Good letters have come from Uncle Hugh to mother and me and a great parcel of oat cake and Edinburgh rock arrived in time for Christmas.

With dearest love from us all,

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January 19, 1926

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer,  
American Presbyterian Mission,  
Peking, Chihli, China.

My dear Marnie:

I was away all of last week and am afraid I did not get off any letter to you. The Annual Meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of the United States and Canada was held at Atlantic City and I had to be there from Tuesday until Friday evening. I got home after midnight Friday night to find mother all dressed up in a beautiful costume representing some Balkan nationality. She had been at a dinner at the Finleys. Dr. George Alexander, Miss Alice Davison and some other friends were there and all had to come with some fancy touch in their costumes. Dr. Finley himself had on his Scotch Highland costume, kilts and all. They had evidently had a very happy time.

Saturday mother went down in the morning to see her godson, Randall Durfee, off for Europe. Then she came back to the office for me and we went over to our apartment where Mr. and Mrs. Welles and Mr. and Mrs. George Payson of Englewood, having come to town for the winter, took lunch with us. Then a sister-in-law of Aunt Abby Durfee came to tea, and after that mother and I went for a long walk and then came home and went to bed at eight o'clock and slept twelve hours.

Yesterday I spoke again at the Broadway Tabernacle Church, in the morning on "The Good Cheer of God's Will," from Deut. 33:16; and in the evening on "The Essentials of Christian Discipleship." There are very good congregations and the people are very friendly and appreciative. Dr. Jefferson is Pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle, you know, and he is now visiting the Mission field, and will be in Peking some time this winter or spring. Uncle Charley Reed and Aunt Mig from Huntingdon are starting on a round the world trip on Wednesday on the "Laconia." They go through the Panama Canal, then I think to Los Angeles, and on up the Pacific Coast to Seattle, and then across to Japan. They are hoping to take a trip through Korea and Northern China and rejoin their boat either at Tsientsin or Shanghai. They will be looking you up when they get to Peking and will no doubt send you word in advance of their coming. They will be in New York tomorrow and will be coming to dinner with us tomorrow evening.

New York is simply filthy this winter with the soft coal smoke. The merchants are beginning to complain that it is costing them millions of dollars in the damage that it is doing to their goods. It is simply impossible to keep clean. In the old days one could even go all day with clean hands but now you

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have to wash half a dozen times at least. In addition, we have had some heavy fogs so that the city has been just like London. We have one of them today which makes it necessary to have all the offices lighted.

I enclose a clipping from last Friday's "New York Times" about our exports and imports. I must try to cut out something from this morning's "Times," regarding our present cost of government which is estimated at over ten billion dollars. This includes national, State and local government, and represents a three-fold increase since the pre-war years.

Christine Hammer came to dine with us after church and she and mother went off yesterday afternoon to the Metropolitan Museum to see the Sargent exhibit there. I read recently an interesting article from England about Sargent's pictures, stating that his fame would outlast his work, as his genius had been too impatient to work adequately from the pigments that he used. Perhaps this was only clever publicity of some process for preserving these pictures which their rich owners would now be expected to pay for.

I sent you a few days ago a copy of the Report of the Baltimore Conference on China held several months ago.

It was good to get your last letters with their reflection of the kindly, friendly spirit of the Chinese whom you meet day by day. That is the right way to construe human life. It is precisely the opposite of Lothrop Stoddard's way. Mother and I heard him at a Luncheon of the Foreign Policy Association last Saturday a week ago. It was very thin gruel that he was ladling out, so thin that one forebore to get angry with him for his mischief making. He was followed by an English speaker. The subject announced for the Luncheon was "The Eastern Menace to Western Civilization." With the full approval of the audience the English speaker declared that one of the chief menaces was the school of mischief makers to which Stoddard belonged.

With dearest love from us all,

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February 10, 1926

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer,  
American Presbyterian Mission,  
Peking, Chihli, China.

My dear Marnie:

Your two good long letters of December 20th and January 3rd were just received today. Elliott wrote from Easton that he wanted to talk over some matters with mother and me and that he could be here about half past one today so I went over to the apartment and we had lunch together there. I think that is only the second time I have been able to get to the apartment for lunch in nearly four months. When I came in I found your letters in our box and had a chance to read part of them before Elliott came. I am glad that the Christmas letters and parcels reached you on January 3rd but am sorry they did not get to you for Christmas Day.

Elliott wanted to talk over (1) the Lafayette College support of Mr. Groves, who is Mr. Hutchison's friend and associate in our School in Teheran; (2) the proposal of the Northfield Trustees that Elliott should accept a position as Mr. Moody's associate, and really take over as much of his responsibility as possible, in view of the fact that Mr. Moody has broken down in health and has had to go abroad for an indefinite period; (3) the vacancy in the Lafayette College Presidency caused by Dr. McCracken's resignation. Elliott, of course, is very anxious that the right successor should be found. We had a nice time together and Elliott came back to the office with me and went on up to Columbia to see if he could get Prof. Montague to come over for some lectures at Lafayette.

Mother and I had a lovely visit in Richmond with our friends, the Scott Parrishes. They have a beautiful home and are two of the most respected and beloved people in Richmond, at the top of society and at the top of everything else that is good. We could not have had a more jovial, profitable, delightful week. Mrs. Parrish is President of the local Y.W.C.A. and she and mother were on the go all the time with meetings, luncheons, tea parties and all other such Christian deviltries. I was speaking two to four times a day, giving the Sprunt Lectures at the Seminary, conducting the Chapel services, addressing the Episcopal Ministers, the Council of Churches, etc., etc. One beautiful spring day Mr. Parrish and I drove down to Williamsburg, the seat of William and Mary College, next to Harvard in age but with older buildings than any that Harvard has remaining. I am sending you herewith a copy of the Lectures which were all printed and ready for sale on the next to the last day of their delivery, so that I saw many of the students following the last two lectures in the printed book.

With the exception of the Sunday that I spent in Richmond, I spoke every Sunday this last month at the Broadway Tabernacle and had a beautiful time. The

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congregations grew each Sunday and the people were just as warm-hearted and responsive as people could be. This is Dr. Jefferson's church, as you know, and it has the most delightful spirit of cordiality in it.

Mother went to Harrisburgh to speak last night but got back this morning, and I am going tonight to the Annual Dinner of the whole foreign missionary establishment. Miss Cooks and Miss Connell are to stand up at the Speaker's Table and sing a duet:

I have to go out tomorrow to St. Louis for meetings there on Friday night and to Chicago for Sunday, to Buffalo for Monday, and to Philadelphia for the next three days at a Missions Conference which we are holding at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel of the five Presbyterian and Reformed Churches. We hope to have 700 or 800 delegates and a good time in drawing these Churches still closer together in their foreign mission work.

I enclose an editorial from "The New York Times" of January 8th entitled "Too Flaming Youth" which will please you. I shall try to get as soon as possible a copy of the report of the Evanston Conference. I send in a separate envelope a little calendar of daily Bible readings which Uncle Tim has got up which you may be able to use.

Uncle Charley and Aunt Mig Reed took dinner with us the night before we went to Richmond and the day before they sailed on the "Laconia" on a round-the-world cruise. I imagine they will be getting to Peking, if they are able to carry out that part of their itinerary, not long after this letter reaches you. They will, of course, be looking you up, and will probably send you word in advance of their coming.

Pat has had another week or more of vacation in connection with the examinations. She was with us in Richmond for part of the time and then went to Easton and then came here. She returned to Bryn Mawr last night.

It is good to have you write in such good sense and good cheer. These people who are always smelling danger and seeing calamity certainly make me weary. They recall Moffitt's translation of the famous passage in the Old Testament: "These daughters of Heth make me tired." It is not quite as classical as "I am aweary of the daughters of Heth," but it has a good punch in it. I am glad you keep the sunshine in your soul and see it around about. In one of my sermons at the Broadway Tabernacle, of course without betraying any identities, I had a good time contrasting the spirit of your letters with the tone of George Barbour's. Mother thought I was a little hard on George but I was not mentioning any names, I was only dealing with the moods.

God bless you always, morning, noon and night, and many other times. This is our loving prayer.

Your affectionate

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March 12, 1926

Miss Margaret Bailey Spear,  
American Presbyterian Mission,  
Peking, Chihli, China.

My dear Marnie:

I was delighted to get your good long letter of January 30th with the enclosed notes on the sermon by President Tsao. Mother and I are both distressed to hear of all the troubles that the Hayeses had been having. I trust that by this time the children are all safely through and that Mr. and Mrs. Hayes have been able to get a little rest.

Dr. Patton has arrived and I have had several talks with him about possible plans for this fall. We have not got things settled yet but I am inclined to think that perhaps the wisest and most practicable plan would be for me to leave America at the end of August or early in September, taking the Empress boats to Yokohama and spending a few days there and in Korea, then coming on to Peking for a few days there, and Paotingfu and Shuntefu at the end of September. Then I would go down to Shantung for the first of the three conferences which would be held in Tsinanfu, covering the Shantung and North China Missions. After a week in this conference I would spend a week or so visiting some of the other Shantung Stations, or possibly I might do this before the Conference, setting it perhaps about October 7th. Then I would attend the Nanking Conference from October 19th-25, say, and then try to make a little trip into Hunan, coming back to Shanghai and getting down to Canton for the missionaries' Conference there, beginning November 6th. Then I would go back to Shanghai and try to get to Hangchow and Ningpo, and then get home for the Christmas holidays. Mother would not want to leave until Patty and Billy were back in school again, so that I suppose she would come out in October and could make a long visit with you and then join me in Shanghai early in November. I should have to be there for a fortnight or so at that time at the meeting of the China Council which would follow these three regional meetings.

All this is only tentative as yet, of course, but I trust that we may be able to get everything pretty definitely in shape after the middle of this month when I get back from Chicago.

The last fortnight and the fortnight to come will all have been good crowded times for me. Last week I was at Mercersburg, Pa., On February 21st we had a dinner party for Miss Alice Hamilton and Aunt Abbie, leaving the 22nd, and were at a dinner party with the Schauflers on the 23rd. I spoke at Reading,

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Pa., to the Evangelical Church Convention on the 24th, and at an evening meeting in Huntingdon, after a good afternoon with Aunt Clara. The next evening I spoke in Plainfield, N. J., and the next night we were at Mrs. Kennedy's for dinner. All of this week I have been in Atlantic City and Philadelphia at conferences, and am speaking in Brooklyn tonight, and then leave tomorrow for Sunday at the Hill School and for the whole week in Chicago; first at our General Assembly's Committee on Cooperation and Union in conference with the Episcopalians; then at the meeting of our Church's General Council, and then at a meeting of the Commission on Unrest in the Church; and the following Sunday I have to be at Yale and the Choate School at Wallingford. After that I hope to be able to catch my breath. How to keep up with all these speaking engagements and at the same time to write what one has to write and keep up the correspondence and a few other things makes one more appreciative of such a life as William Robertson Nicoll's. I am just finishing his biography now and it is most delightful. I used to have a prejudice against him as a vain little body but that is all removed now and I have a great desire to go back and read over again the things of his which I have read and to read also all the rest that I have not read. This is the kind of a biography that gives you a list of twenty or thirty other books which you want at once to read.

I thoroughly enjoyed also Dr. Cairns' biography of Alexander Robertson MacEwen, Professor of Church History in the United Free Church College in Edinburgh. Dr. Cairns has done the work admirably. It is the best summary I have seen of contemporary Church History in Scotland.

Thank you very much for all the good notes in your letter and for the report of President Tsau's sermon. It was a good sermon and shows how little each one of us sees. He speaks of the West having had no religion to speak of before Christianity. He ought to read Pater and the book which I have just been reading on the Mystery Religions, and he ought to take a longer view of history than he will get from Dean Inge. I think he is wrong in the idea that China will build up the institutions that have grown out of Christianity without the roots from which those institutions have grown. So far from our having outgrown the simple New Testament conceptions, history will return to them some day with a new devotion. The whole Ritchlian view, which has tremendously influenced all our modern way of thinking and has made it easy for people who think that our new scientific forms make the old historic forms of Christianity untenable and who still desire to hold as much as possible of the moral and spiritual values which the old forms enshrine but without all this readjustment, is not very new. Two generations ago it was all gone over in much the same vocabulary as today in books like "The Kernel and the Husk." But after all it is pretty hard to carry a pint of milk in anything but a receptacle. Nobody yet has devised a way of carrying it in the air and a good deal of our present mode of thinking reminds me of the infamous Bergendoll play in the Shakespeare Club in our house years ago when Mrs. Bergendoll (I being Mr. Bergendoll) delivered a pint of ice cream to Mrs. Backus to be carried home in her hands. George Washington was, and so was the Declaration of Independence, and I think we will not get rid of history as history, nor of history as the necessary embodiment of ideas until our own spirits are able to go about disembodied, or until we all learn to do, as the natural performances of life, those wonderful feats of the Chinese juggler which you described in your last letter to Billy with which he was so delighted.

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Your question in Billy's letter about Betsey Ann was somewhat relevant and if anybody can give you the information, Billy can. You might send him this little poem:

"Can anybody tell me of Betsey Ann?"  
"Yes, said Bill, "I'm the man that can."

Thank you very much for your help on the salary question. I will take it up with Mr. Carter and make sure that the new missionaries going out to the field go with such funds and with such understanding about them as will make them easy and comfortable.

I am sending you in a separate folder a number of clippings and bits of one kind and another. Mother has derived great joy from the story of Mrs. Elpern whose cruel husband made her go to bed before 9:30 each night which resulted at times in greatly humiliating her in the presence of guests. A human court in Petersburg has provided her with a divorce from such a despot.

I found a lovely story in the Nicoll biography. A bashful English lover was driving with his sweetheart. She was aweary of the long delay and finally broke forth: "Nobody loves me. I feel so blue. My hands are so cold." "You ought not to speak so," he replied. "God loves you and your mother loves you and you can sit on your hands." I got another lovely story from Dr. Finney this week. He said there was a patient in the hospital who was perfectly well in every way except in his mind. Dr. Finney stopped to speak to him in the hospital and the patient said: "Dr. Finney, I am very old. I am the oldest man in the world. I am 563 years old and I have only one ambition and that is to beat that darned Methuselah." Also a dear friend of missions, Dr. Bartholomew, told me another that you might meditate on some time in the midst of such discussions as are likely to occur in a Mission Station. An old negro minister was preaching and used the expression "status quo." One of the deacons in the congregation interrupted him and said: "Pastor, you is preaching very edifying and is using beautiful langwidge, but what do dem words 'status quo' mean?" "Brother Johnson," said the preacher, "th m words is Latin, and they mean 'de mess we is in.'"

Mother had a bad cold last Sunday which kept her in bed all day but she has got over it and was out yesterday afternoon with Aunt Vera in the James's box hearing Wagner's "Valkeyrie." Mother came home in raptures. Today she has gone out to Englewood to speak at the Luncheon Club in the Church.

With a great deal of love,

RES-KC

P.S. At a dinner the other evening a man said he was going to tell a very dry story. A Scotchman invited an Irishman into a saloon to take a drink and the Irishman had no money.

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Dearest Marnie,

When I left New York it was with the expectation that this letter would be mailed you before my return, but Miss Cooke held it because of confusion in the sentence on the second page. I do not know what the original statement was that is confused, but the sense of it is more or less clear and it is no use taking time to decipher it.

After writing this letter I was just about to start for Pottstown, to the Hill School, when a telegram came stating that they had a "Flu" epidemic at the School, and that I need not come. Accordingly I had the Sunday, March 7th, with mother until I left in the evening for Chicago. There we had a long conference with the Episcopalians over the World Conference on Faith and Order. Then, I had a day with our Church's Committee on Cooperation and Union, then, two days with the General Council of our Church and then two days with the special Commission appointed by the last General Assembly with a view to averting division in the Church. It was a full, busy week and I got back to New York just in time to catch a train for New Haven, where I spoke four times on Sunday, at Battell Chapel in the morning, then at a Volunteer meeting of Students at noon, at the Choate School in the afternoon and in the Church of the Redeemer in the evening. They have decided to abolish required Sunday Chapel at Yale. There will be required week day Chapel and religious instruction in the curriculum, but the Sunday Chapel is to be voluntary. I have always believed in the required Sunday Chapel for everybody but the preacher. It certainly is hard on him. The required system is still in force, and we had a packed chapel in the morning.

We had good letters yesterday from Aunt Mig and Uncle Charley, written shortly after leaving Hawaii and posted in Japan. I do hope that they have been able to go to Peking.

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Miss Margaret Bailey Speer,  
American Presbyterian Mission,  
Peking, China.

My dear Marnie:

I haven't been getting off letters to you as regularly, recently, as earlier. Everything has been dreadfully interrupted but I am slowly getting things in shape again and hope by summer time to have the decks well cleared.

I wrote you last, I think, nearly a fortnight ago. Since then we have had many interesting experiences. Tuesday evening, March 16, we dined with the Boris's. Mr. Boris took mother around to the pictures and I had a nice talk with Mrs. Boris and the girls. Eugenia has been full of hope that she might go to China with us, next Fall, but she later told mother that she thought she had better give up the idea. Mr. Boris was exceedingly kind but one can see how temperamental he is, and I think Eugenia feels that she could not definitely plan on going and that perhaps she ought not to think of doing so. I can think of many ways in which she and Alice could help in the real work which we know but I imagine they haven't the freedom of choice in movement that you and Elliott have had.

That same week, we went to dinner at the National Board, one evening, where between 100 and 200 people heard some of the most stupid speeches that mother and I ever listened to, on the "Effects Abroad of our Present Immigration Policy." Then, on Friday evening, we went to the Shakespeare Club which met at Dean Robbins' house, at the Cathedral, having first had a very happy dinner party at the Lamont's with the Timlows, the Bulkleys, Mrs. Hammond Lamont, Mrs. Hulse and I think two or three others. At Dean Robbins' we read Barrie's "What Every Woman Knows" and had a great deal of fun.

On Sunday, the 21, mother and I were at Vassar, staying with Dr. and Mrs. Fill, who are among the kindest and nicest people in the world and who have some beautiful paintings of Constable's, Turner's and others. From Vassar, mother came back to New York, in order to go to Allentown for Y. W. C. A. meetings, while I went on to Saratoga, where Harold Little came to see me and told me such wonderful tales of the trout fishing he had had last June on the Mohawk, that I have been living ever since in the hope of being able to get up to Colebrook, the end of June. I do not see any other chance for even a week of vacation before leaving for China, so that unless something prevents, I shall certainly take the car and drive up to Hotchkiss and get Billy at the close of his preliminary College Board examinations and take him up for some fishing. He is home from Hotchkiss now for his Master vacation, having come down Friday, at noon. A friend had given me two tickets for the Philharmonic concert and he and mother spent the afternoon there. Last evening, we three went to see Pen Fur

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Uncle Tim Stone said it was the best movie he ever saw and Billy had the same opinion, last evening. Really, the chariot race is something wonderful and the whole thing is very well done, with great reverence and beauty, and the vamps are as unobjectionable as I suppose they can be made.

I wish you could have been with mother and me on Thursday evening, the 25, at dinner at Mrs. Migel's, 960 Park Ave. She is a Chilean woman and married a man whom I could not quite make out. I should judge he must be of Spanish ancestry. Mrs. Migel is certainly one of the most charming women we have ever seen. She is deeply interested in the success of the special campaign we are carrying on now in behalf of South America, trying to raise two and one-half million dollars for our mission institutions there of the different denominations. We got her to make a little speech about the matter before the evening was over and it certainly was one of the most excellent things I ever heard. If only we could get the millionaires in reach of her influence, they would certainly be persuaded. I presented the matter to Mr. Rockefeller asking him for one-half of the total, but alas, his Advisory Committee has disapproved. Everything will depend now upon whether he will accept their advice or form a different judgment of his own. I told the Committee in charge of the campaign that they could hope for nothing from Mr. Rockefeller's advisors, their only hope would be the possibility of his personal interest. I think the professional Rockefeller Foundation people are not especially interested in religious enterprises and I know that they do not care for missionary activities and rather feel that they burn their fingers in their whole China enterprise so far as it got them mixed up with missionary interests. Don't whisper this to anybody else, however.

Dr. Patton of the China Council is here now and we are going over many questions with him. I enclose copy of a letter which I have just written to Mr. Ruland in Hanking. These are very difficult questions, especially difficult, I imagine to see clearly in such an atmosphere as you have in Peking now where the perspective is so terribly shortened and where everything is thrown out of focus and proportion. To see everything through the minds of the present China student group would be very much like interpreting the modern world in terms of the Evanston conference. There was a great deal of good purpose there but as Dr. Ashabel Parker Fitch told the delegates and as they told themselves, their knowledge of the facts was wholly inadequate and unbalanced and disproportionate and their judgments of the facts were run away with by their feelings about them. Just as though a doctor operating on a friend whom he loved more than his own life, substituted his emotional complex for his scientific technique.

I hope you are finding it possible to enter with real sympathy into the mind that you find around you and yet, at the same time, to keep your detachment and to see things in their larger perspective which takes in more than one generation and more than one race and nation, and more than one point of view, whether theological, social, racial or political.



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Elliott is having a hard time determining what to do now that Dr. McCracken is leaving Boston. I imagine if Elliott were a little older they would offer the presidency to him. He is not sure whom they will get and whether the new man will support his plans as heartily as Dr. McCracken has done. On the other hand, Uncle Ned and Mr. Baker are eager to have Elliott go to Northfield, to take over as much as possible Mr. Moody's work there. That is a very complicated proposition and Elliott is studying hard to determine his duty. He went to Boston, the other evening, to see Mr. Jay Grandin and some of the other Northfield trustees there. Mother and I are trying hard to keep our hands off and, indeed, these are matters where no one can find the way except the one who is to tread it.

We are having some lovely spring weather now. I would have gone off with Billy for a good long walk today, probably to Piermont, but for the fact that mother had invited Aunt Peggy and Ella to come in to lunch and go to see the Vagabond King this afternoon. I think the Vagabond King is simply a dramatization of McCarthy's Francois Villon. Billy is going with them, so I will go off somewhere for a walk this afternoon myself.

We are still working on plans for the summer and next fall. Mother's present thought is that we will all go home to Englewood for June and July. I am a little afraid now that I may have to leave in August for some conferences in Japan, before going to China. So we do not know yet just when I will be coming and whether mother will come with me or wait until she gets Billy and Patty back to school. Elliott offers to take care of them but, thus far, it looks as though I would be going to Peking the end of September or early in October and mother would be coming out after Patty and Billy were settled. All these arrangements are still tentative, however. I suppose there would be no possibility of your going with me through China. The lovely thing would be for you and mother and me to make the whole round together but that would take you away for three months just when, I suppose, they will be needing you in the college. If, however, there were any chance of this it would be a happy thing for us and would be a good experience for you. You would see more of China both horizontally and vertically, and would be worth just so much more to Yenching and in guiding your girls out of an insular view into a larger and more adequate understanding of the greatness and intricacy of their problem.

I have been reading Harriet Martineau's autobiography with great delight. What a prodigy of self-assurance she was and what amazing ground for self-assurance she really had! She tells of a conversation with Emerson regarding Margaret Fuller, in which Harriet was explaining Margaret's desire to go somewhere else. Emerson gently asked whether she really needed to go elsewhere, whether her kingdom, her resources, her full possibilities did not lie within. What Emerson meant to imply about individual personality is equally true of national. Would that China could realize this and especially young China. Her problem, just like our American problem, is the problem of what we make out of ourselves and not what other nations say about us or allow us. Looked at from a true inner diagnosis, or from a long distance, Chinese problem will be found to be just this. Why can she not learn that lesson from Japan? The more I understand Japan the more respect I have

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for her, and for the struggle within her national personality of that lower and higher self, that narrow and ampler reach, which one finds in every nation as one finds it in every individual. There is a great deal that is spurious in Henley's boastful words but there is a great deal in them also that is true. The man who knows that he is master of his own fate and at the same time acknowledges all his outer obligations and limitations has found the key.

Mother and Billy would both want to send their dearest love.

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dictated Mar. 27

Your affectionate

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Mrs. Charles E. Reid,  
Clark's Cruise, SPS. "Laconia,"  
c/o Cunard Line,  
59 Via Guglielmo,  
San Felice,  
Naples, Italy.

My dear Mig,

I was astonished to realize to-day that this is the last letter that can reach you before you get home. According to the mailing instructions which you left this letter will reach you in Naples. On re-reading the notice I see that perhaps we can reach you again in Paris. I know you have had a wonderful trip and we shall all be eager to hear everything about it when you return. A card from Clark's office reports that they had heard on April 10th of your safe arrival in Calcutta and that you would be in India and Ceylon until April 26th. I am afraid you will be finding it pretty warm in India this month, and I am wondering where you are to-day. I am sure that no other country where you will have been will have proved more interesting than India.

Emma is away this week at the National Convention of the Y.W.C.A. in Milwaukee. She will be gone until next weekesday. I am living in our little apartment alone, but am going up on Saturday to Hotchkiss School to speak there on Sunday, and have the day with Billy. He and I are doing our best to work out a plan for a week's trout fishing together the last week in June. Elliott and Holly and Caroline and Constance are all well. Elliott is perplexed as to what he ought to do next year as between remaining in Easton or going to Northfield to take over as much as possible of the work of Mr. Moody, who has had to leave for a long rest, and who the doctors say will never be able to resume the full measure of work again. A good long letter came from Marnie this week, telling of some of the recent occurrences in Peking. She is very sorry that you and Charley were not able to get there. I had a cablegram this week from some friends of ours in New York, who are now travelling around the world. The cablegram was from Peking, and indicated that they had been able to get there and that all were well. It looks now as though I would have to leave some time in August, visiting first Hapan and then spending between two and three months in China. Whether Emma will go with me, or wait until the children are settled in school is still undetermined.

I hear from Aunt Clara from time to time. I judge Aunt Lizzie continues in about the same condition of helplessness. It would be a great relief to her and to all if she might be taken home. Margardt and Peggy and Ella at Piermont seem all well and Margaret is glad to have the cold weather gone so that she may go to work on

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her garden. We had freezing weather until a day or two ago, but the change seems to have come now.

It will be a great joy to see you now before long.

With a great deal of love to Charley and yourself,

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April 26, 1926.

Dictated Apr. 23

Miss Constance S. Spear,  
Rockefeller Hall,  
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

My dear Patty;

Sometime ago, Marnie asked me to send to somebody at Bryn Mawr, copy of Ray Purdy's report on the work of the Philadelphian Society of Princeton, last year. I have forgotten whether it was the President of the Christian Association or Rose Wilmine, or somebody else. I found a copy and am sending it to you herewith. You might give it to the President of the Association with Marnie's compliments and pass it on to Rose and then to the somebody else, whoever she was.

Mother and Mrs. French left on Monday for Milwaukee and evidently arrived safely for The Times this morning has quite an account of some speech Mother made yesterday. She was expecting to get back the 28 or 29.

I am to speak at Hatchkiss on Sunday, so that Billy and I will have the lay together and will do our best to comfort one another. We are still dreaming and planning to make our dream come true of a fishing trip the last week in June.

I had a cablegram, day before yesterday, from Mr. Francis Louis Glade from Peking saying they had arrived there safely and were all well and were going to spend two weeks there. It is good to know that they were able to get there, even if Aunt Mig and Uncle Charley could not.

With dearest love,

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April 26, 1926.

Dictated April 25.

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer,  
American Presbyterian Mission,  
Peking, China.

My dear Marnie:

Mother left on Monday for the National Convention of the Y. W. C. A. in Milwaukee. She and Mrs. French went together, expecting to stop off in Chicago Tuesday morning for a luncheon there. I think they were expecting to stay with Mrs. Stone. Mother expects to get home next Wednesday night, unless she is kept longer than she had anticipated.

Your most interesting letter with regard to the wretched business of the shooting of the students after that scamp HsuChien had stirred them up came last evening, and I have sent it on to Mother. Dr. Warnshuis tells me that HsuChien is a pretended Christian, that he was the man who stirred everything up sometime ago in the "China for Christ" movement. I hope that whatever else may be the consequence of this sad affair, it may mean the end of the influence of men like him.

The newspapers did not give very much space to either the Taiku incident or to the killing of these students. Indeed, we get very unsatisfactory newspaper reports from Peking. I wonder if it is that there are no reporters there or there is some kind of censorship. I should think the Associated Press, at least, would have some thoroughly equipped and able person in Peking all the time, these days, a man who can keep his balance and see things in the right perspective, and who would not be confused as so many people evidently are by the hectic and over-strained thoughts and feelings of Peking.

I can imagine the deep feelings you must have had when you passed by the scene of the shooting of the students down that deserted street and how the memory of it must stay with you, just as the memory of that wreck at North Haven, years ago, when the White Mountain Express ran into the Bar Harbor Express, remains with me. I can still feel the preternatural stillness of that foggy morning and see the poor torn bodies of the boys from the Maine Camp who were in the last car of the Bar Harbor train, especially I remember the engineer who drove the engine into the other train, as he stood beside the havoc leaning over the wire fence, and looking away from all the tragedy and suffering.

The question of the registration of Venching came before the Trustees, last week. I am not on that Board and was not present at the meeting but Dr. Scott has told me fully of the discussions. He said it was an admirable debate in which everybody held unequivocally to the Christian character and purpose of the University but the majority believed they must accept the assurances of Dr. Stuart that its character and purpose were not compromised in any way whatever by Article V of the registration regulations. There were many who felt that the matter was being pressed prematurely under the influence of feelings and opinions springing from the abnormal situation in Peking and many find

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it difficult to conceive that there is a government stable enough to deal with and to establish regulations, at the same time unable to function in the ways that are ordinarily regarded as essential to competent central government. In the end, with only one negative vote, the following resolution was adopted-

"Registration of Peking University. After full consideration of the letters received from the President of the University and other communications from China, and with the understanding that Rule 5 of the regulations of the Ministry of Education of November 16, 1925, is not at variance with the object of the University as set out in the Second Clause of the Charter of the University, the Trustees approve of application being made for the registration of the University with the Ministry of Education.

It was also understood that suggestion should be made to President Stuart that, if practicable, the University should seek to move in this matter in concert with other universities in China and that, if possible, the President should await letters."

This was reported to our Board, at its meeting on the 19, and our Board took the following action-

"The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions learned with deep interest that the Trustees of Peking University had approved of applying for registration of the University with the Ministry of Education of China with the explicit understanding that the regulations governing registration are not at variance with the primary object of the University as stated in its Charter, - namely, 'The purpose of the corporation shall be to establish and maintain in Peking, China, a University, founded and conducted on strictly Christian, evangelical, but not sectarian, principles, and to aid the youth of the Chinese Empire, now Chinese Republic, and of other countries, in obtaining in such University a literary, scientific or professional education.' The Board had expected that a further study of this important question and that favorable official interpretation or modification of the Government regulations would precede the registration of any of the great, interdenominational Universities in China: as a participant in the University the Board could acquiesce in the registration only on the basis of the understanding and expectation of the Trustees that this step will not impair the evangelical Christian character and influence of the institution or compromise its recognized religious principles and program. So far as this Board is concerned it participated in the establishment of Peking University and shares in its support with full faith

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that the University will promote the Christian religion in China and that this is included in its purpose."

I have a letter from President Bowen of the University of Nanking today stating that they are studying the whole question and the general view seems to be that Peking conditions are not normal and that action taken under the stress of those conditions may later need revision.

The whole question of what is involved in religious freedom and what are the rights of private education in a modern state are very interesting problems. Our Supreme Court, as you know, has declared unconstitutional various laws which abridge private education in this country in <sup>the</sup> way in which required registration or constrained registration under conditions limiting teaching any language and religion have been proposed in China. Of course, it would be recognized that conditions in China are very different, just as they were in Japan, some years ago. At that time, however, when the same constraint in favor of government registration <sup>with</sup> which abridged religious teaching and influence was exercised, the Mission schools, with the exception of one or two, refused to apply for registration. Temporarily they suffered a little but ultimately their stand ~~required~~ required for all schools liberties for which they had contended. The same thing happened in Korea. In the end, my own conviction is that expediency is a poor guide. The right thing to do is to stand on principle and on principle determined in the light of the longest and widest range of judgment and experience and not construed out of some provincial and transitory situation.

I have not had time yet to read carefully the sermon of Jack Childs which you sent and I haven't seen his full article in Life but I saw very long extracts from it to which my objection would be not that they are Modernist but that they were untrue, and they represented a totally inadequate knowledge of history and Christian theology and even of the Gospels. Whether a thing is old or new is of secondary consequence; the important thing is as to whether it is true and some of the most significant views in the extracts from the article in Life which I saw, were from the point of view of the history of human thought and from the point of view of either a rational Christianity or a Christian rationalism, simply untrue. I was glad to see what you had to say about his spirit and temper, but clearly he needs a far wider range of reading and of knowledge.

I met him a number of times in connection with conferences preceding the Indianapolis Student Volunteer Convention, there he advocated a number of generalizations that were only possible when about 1/100 of the field over which one's mind was in duty bound to range before making such generalizations, had been covered. Possibly it is good to have the ferment of such personalities and modes of thought introduced but they need to be balanced by the judg-



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ment of men like an old friend of mine in Japan, Dr. S. H. Wainwright of the Christian Literature Society, a very able man who in a letter with regard to an extraordinary Japanese woman, whom we both know and for whom, at his request, I wrote some letters in Edinburgh, writes as follows-

"I am becoming a little uneasy in mind about the attitude taken toward Foreign Missions in the U. S. I am wondering if the situation on foreign fields is really understood after all the systematic study given to the subject. I am also asking myself whether the American Churches are going to show themselves capable of that perseverance which may require not decades but centuries for the perfecting of a great task.

I have an unshaken confidence in the reality of American Christianity. That gives me a feeling of assurance that the half-baked ideas now finding expression will be taken at their own slight value by those who are really responsible. We creep along in Japan gaining some ground each year. How long we are to go on this way no one knows. At some future time, there may be a general ingathering but there are no signs of its coming as yet."

The Japanese woman referred to is Mrs. Tamaki Uemura, a graduate of Wellesley. Dr. Hugh Barber is taking a great interest in her and writes in the highest terms of her. Her father has been in our home and was one of the most remarkable men I have ever met.

I found a copy of Ray Purdy's annual report of the Philadelphian Society but I have forgotten whom you wanted me to send it to, so I am forwarding it to Patty, telling her I think it was intended either for the president of the C. A. or Rose Milmine.

I am enclosing herewith a number of things you may be interested in seeing. I think you could have some fun having your friends guess who the pretty boy in the Derby is. When they give up, you can tell them it was Calvin Coolidge prior to 1900.

The Treasurer's office has reported to me a little more fully regarding the travel expense of missionaries to North China. Just for your own personal information, I enclose this. Please do not use it otherwise. If anything needs to be said officially on the subject, Mr. Carter or Dr. Scott would say it. I still press the point with Mr. Carter that either missionaries should be paid their first salary in advance, immediately upon reaching the field, or they should be informed before leaving home that they can retain the surplus of their travel money, repaying it out of their first month's salary.

It was a great joy to get yesterday a cablegram from Mr. Glade stating that they had reached Peking safely, were all well and were going to spend two weeks. Sorry Aunt Big and Uncle Charley did not get to see you but I am

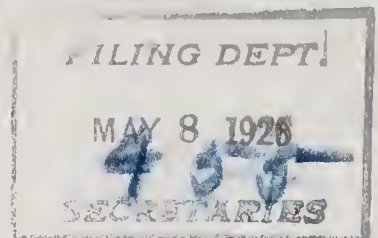
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glad this message from Mr. Slade indicates that people are able to get in and out now.

It begins to look now as though I might have to leave home early in August, so as to attend the conference in Japan and then going on to China. This is not definitely settled, however. With dearest love from us all.

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encs.

*Mrs Charles Reed*



May 7, 1926.

Dear Mig,

I suppose this will be the last letter that can reach you and Charlie before we see you. I know what a great trip you have had and how largely stored your memories will be. It will be like Mary's memory of the autobiography of Anthony Trollope, a source of delight to you and to your friends for evermore.

I am only sorry that you were unable to get to Peking as I think I wrote you some friends of ours, Mr. and Mrs. Slade, who are coming around the world in the opposite direction, were able to visit Peking only a few weeks after you had gone by. They reported all well. We have been getting letters from Marni regularly. One came yesterday telling of the interest with which they had gone out to watch airplanes flying over the City dropping bombs in a distant part of the City from that in which Marni is living.

It seems likely now that I will have to be sailing from Vancouver on August 5. Emma has not decided yet as to whether she will come with me or wait until Patty and Billy are safely in school in the fall. She was disposed for a time to take Billy along with us but I have tried to convince her that this would not be a good plan. It would mean his losing a whole year and having only two or three months in Asia and five months here, either out of school or in some catch-as-catch can here in New York.

I am hoping that perhaps Dr. Hugh Kerr of Pittsburgh can go with us. The plan would be to spend the latter part of August and the first week of September in Japan and then go on through Korea for two full months and more in China, coming back in December in time for the Christmas holidays.

I have not been in Huntingdon for some time but I went out to DuBois for Sunday to speak at the fiftieth anniversary of the church there. That used to be in Huntingdon Presbytery although it is now in Clarion. It is interesting to think that the first man to come into that country and begin lumbering operations in the virgin forest did not arrive until I was a boy of five or six. How I should like to have seen that country at that time when it was one unbroken pine forest.

I hear from Charles occasionally and am glad he is getting along so finely.

I hope the general strike in England is not going to trouble you

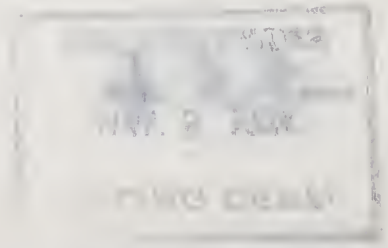
any. With a great deal of love from us all, your affectionate brother,

RES:R

Mrs. Charles E. Reed,  
C/o Clark's Cruise,  
S. S. "Laconia"  
Bankers' Trust Company,  
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May 8, 1926.

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer,  
American Presbyterian Mission,  
Peking, China.

My dear Fannie:

Mother got back from Milwaukee safely Wednesday night, April 28, I met her at Grand Central Station when her train came in, through the rain. She was looking very well and had evidently had a very good and satisfying time. She was home only two days before going off to Harrisburg to see all the family there and, incidentally, to visit Pat on the way. What especially took her over was George Bailey's accident. He fell down a dark stairway in Auntie Fay's garage, which as you know is under the house on one side, and sustained a slight fracture of the skull. He has to lie absolutely quiet in bed, under constant care, and is still uncertain what the outcome will be. He does not seem to be suffering and Mother brought back an encouraging report. If ever there was an unfortunate lad, certainly it is George and yet if ever there was a boy who deserved to miss every misfortune it is he. Of all the dear, upright, noble lads, he certainly is one of the best we have ever had. We are all hoping and praying that he may pull through alright and be able to go back to the work in the Bank with which, as every one knew would be the case, he was making such a great success.

Another of your best friends met with misfortune but this time of a very different character. Bob Barber driving back from Cramond to Edinburgh, late at night, ran into two drunken men on the road and one was killed. Mrs. Barber has written two beautiful letters about it to Mother. I think Mother has written to Bob. Mrs. Barber thinks that Bob used every precaution and was not to blame and the lawyers believe there will be no prosecution.

All of us are very well and happt here, except that Billy writes he has a cold, which shows that Jean Patterson's serums are not absolutely infallible. I was at Hotchkiss, Sunday, April 25, and Billy and I took a long walk together. He wore no overcoat, saying that he was immune from colds now, although I felt misgivings. Carline was also under the weather for a week: Mother stopped there on her way back from Harrisburg and sais she was up and lively and happy as ever. Elliott has accepted the call to Northfield. There has been no public announcement made yet, as Uncle Ned is waiting to get a letter from Mr. Will Moody, so that public announcement can come from him. I enclose Uncle Ned's letter to the Trustees also a letter to me on the subject. Of course, I did not attend the meeting of the Trustees at which the action was taken. Mother has a lovely letter from Mrs. Moody written from a vessel on the Mediterranean, full of hope, and I know that nothing was pleasing her and Mr. Moody more, and that nothing will please dear old Dwight L. Moody in heaven, more than to have Elliott take

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up this task. I trust that it is the wise thing for him to do. He has done well at Lafayette and I am sure will do his duty anywhere.

Since writing you last, I have had time to read John Childs' sermon which you sent me. I also sent it to Henry Coffin, who had written asking my advice as to whether he should accept the call to the presidency of the Union Theological Seminary, where he has now decided to go. His comment on John Childs' sermon is as follows-

"Such an article as that which you enclosed and which I return appalls me. I do not think that I know Mr. Childs but he knows very little of the Christianity of the New Testament in its fundamental convictions. What I fear is the ~~losing-of-the~~ losing of the redemptive significance of Christ. That is the crucial point. It is the heart of evangelicalism, and I think it accounts for the suspicion of our Fundamentalist friends."

I think Dr. Coffin has gone right to the heart of the matter. A great deal of what one hears and reads about now a days simply indicates that the speakers and the writer are totally unaware of what Christianity is. Unaware of what it is, not in Dr. Machen's sense but in the New Testament sense and in the plain historical sense and in a rational and spiritual meaning. They ought to read, if nothing else, Josiah Royce's two volumes on the Fundamental Ideas of Christianity. He says with perfect clarity of vision that the cross was a fact and that the atonement was a deed and that Christianity brought into the world certain great, unique ideas and forces, of which there doesn't seem to be a glimmer of intelligence in John Childs' sermon, or in his article in Life. If you have never read Royce's two volumes and would care to have them, I should be glad to send them. Meanwhile, I am sending you copy of Dr. Patton's book "Fundamental Christianity." It is, of course, conservative in its theology but delightful in its wit and humor and beautiful in its spirit of tolerance and comprehension. The old man makes room for Arminians, Roman Catholics and evolutionists and a great company of others inside of his Christian faith.

I know that Dr. Coffin's purpose in going to Union is to bring it back to a true evangelical position, and that his ambition is, as he wrote in his last letter, "to turn out boys who are flaming ambassadors of Christ."

We have heard from the Japan Mission and it wants me to come for some conferences there before going on to China. I am trying to persuade Dr. Kerr of Pittsburgh to come along, since Dr. Erdman cannot go. I am hopeful that Dr. Kerr will come, there could not be a better man from the home church. He is President of the Board of Christian Educa-

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tion of our Church and one of our best missionary pastors.

Mother is not absolutely settled yet as to her plans. She has conceived what I am laboring to show her is a wild idea of taking Billy out of school this year and bringing him to China. But that is still in the air. As for me, I think I shall have to leave on the Empress boat from Vancouver, August 5, stopping in Japan for perhaps three weeks, Korea for a few days, and to Peking sometime the latter half of September, so as to have a little time there and in Pootungfu and perhaps visit several of the Shantung stations, before the first of the Evaluation Conferences is held in Tsinanfu.

Last evening, Mother came home from a meeting at which she had been speaking up the Paison, and proposed that "we do something wild tonight." I do not know what that will mean. Friday night we are going to go quietly out to Englewood and spend the night with Mrs. Demeroy, and drive up to the Coleman's at Snedden's landing for the Shakespeare Club meeting, at which Dean Robbins is going to speak. He and Mrs. Robbins are taking a little cottage out near the Coleman's for the Spring. We certainly have a lovely set of fellowships in the Shakespeare Club. I do not believe there is another group in the U. S. that represents as much as we have in this dear old company.

I must try to stay over in Englewood on Saturday to get the Buick in commission again, and then go up that evening for my Sunday appointments at Mt. Holyoke and Smith College

I shall look forward eagerly to seeing the Blades when they come back, we are so happy they were able to go to Peking.

Your very, very loving

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dictated May 5.

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Dictated May 19.

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer,  
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Peking, China.

My dear Marnie:

I did not get any letter off to you last week, as I was away all of the week. On Sunday, I was at Mt. Holyoke and Smith Colleges. The chapel service at Mt. Holyoke, in the morning, where everybody is expected to go, was well attended and one could not have asked for more interested and eager attention. The idea that "required chapel" means a rebellious and inaccessible audience was not confirmed there. At Smith, in the afternoon, there was a small gathering in that immense Green Hall; it was purely voluntary, of course, and yet I noticed more giggling and slouching among the girls who were there than I saw at Mt. Holyoke in the required chapel in the morning. In the main, of course, there was very good and sympathetic hearing and I do not think that even the gigglers and the slouchers were hostile. I do believe that this problem of chapel is more a problem of the faculty than it is of the students and that wherever there is a President who will do what Miss Wooley has done at Mt. Holyoke, and Dr. Richmond at Union College, there will be little trouble. Both of them simply told the institutions that required chapel is a part of the institution's life and habit and that it will be so long as they are at the head; that, therefore, any debate is wasted time and that any students who are thinking of coming to the college, who do not like the idea of required chapel or who want to debate it, had better go elsewhere to other institutions. Trouble arises in those institutions that have got a confused personality and divided self. I do not see why an institution cannot have a clean, upstanding personality just like an individual and free itself in that way from a lot of the problems that always slip in where things get muddled. Where an individual, for example, is known to have a certain definite character, a whole lot of temptations and problems simply never come near him. While another individual, who does not have that character, is probably assailed by them.

I do not know whether I wrote you about the discussion we had on the subject at Princeton, a few weeks ago, it was at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphian Society, which is a very open minded and valuable group. Some of the students in the faculty who were there were the ones who brought up the chapel question. They were simply disgusted with Princeton Chapel service today; some of them were recalling the pledge that was given to the Trustees when in 1915 required weekday chapel was discontinued. I remember that discussion very well for I wrote a long, long letter on the subject to Dr. Hibben from the railroad train on which Guthrie and I were going out to San Francisco to sail for Siam. At that time, the Trustees decided they would give up required chapel, in the interest of what they were assured would be a living, spontaneous chapel



service; they provided accordingly for weekday services with five minute addresses, the visiting Sunday clergyman was to be asked to stay over for the week and the University choir was to be required to attend. The report which the Trustees adopted ran as follows-

"The Committee feels it will be a distinct advantage to the religious life of the institution to place at this time the full responsibility of the voluntary service upon the undergraduates and the members of the faculty who have given their assurance that they will respond to the appeal which has been made to place the voluntary service upon some such basis as the honor system in the conduct of examinations."

The present issue of these assurances is that all the students attend the examinations because they are required to do so and that from 10 to 30 students and members of the faculty attend the chapel service, which was promised to be such "a distinct advantage to the religious life of the institution."

I believe that in many of our institutions purely voluntary religious services could be made glorious and powerful if we had the faculties that would do it, but we don't have them and, under our present systems of education, we are getting them less and less. Indeed, the faculties are even trying to crowd religion out of the curriculum now as an elective subject for which any credit would be given. They are having a hard time at Princeton to get any standing for the study of religion, even as a purely elective subject. The secularists want to deny any credit and compel it to hang around outside as a purely extra curriculum and institution affair.

On Monday, I went down to the meeting of the Princeton Seminary Directors which made me sick, and then went on to Philadelphia for a conference with Dr. Lee, one of the leaders of the Negro churches regarding the sending of Negro missionaries to Africa, and then I went on to Kansas City and St. Louis for some meetings in connection with our South American campaign. We had very good luncheon meetings at the Chambers of Commerce and evening dinners at the hotel, and then in Kansas City we wound up with a mass meeting that packed one of the largest churches. There is a great deal of interest but, thus far, we have not been able to get any very large gifts. The Foundations all turned us down. Judging from the action of the Roman Catholic Church, we certainly have succeeded through the Montevideo Congress in stirring up that Church. I saw an editorial in one of their papers in which they said there were three lessons they must learn from the Congress:

- 1- To put the New Testament in the hands of their people.
- 2- To open schools that could compare with our Protestant Schools and that would have the same quality of teachers
- 3- To develop playgrounds, athletics and wholesome community life

Those were worth while results of our Congress. Now we have the evidence of more. The Roman Catholics in Uruguay have issued a huge volume in which they print verbatim all our Commission reports and accompany them with criticisms and comments which are only half hostile. Evidently, we have given them a thorough shaking up. I have said again and again, it would pay the Roman Catholic Church to finance all our evangelical work in South America because

of the good that the Roman Catholic Church will get from it. I do not despair of our getting a good deal of polemics out of it on both sides, I think we have already done so.

I got back from the west on Saturday morning, having been on sleeping cars every night during the week, but I had two days of solid reading on the train and made good progress in a huge book that I got from England by a man named Cadoux on "The Early Church and the World." He tries to establish the principle that the early Church took a purely passive, nonresistant, nonjurist and more or less anti-civil position. There is a great deal in the book that is helpful and true but his philosophy is far less wholesome and far less accurate and historical, I think, than good old Dr. R. E. Thompson's "The Divine Order of Human Society." The upshot of Cadoux' book seems to be that there are two types of ethics, one binding inside the Christian Church and the other quite different, altogether legitimate, outside the church. The truth he is feeling after was, it seems to me, much better worked out in the old book by Freemantle entitled "The World subject of redemption," copy of which was given to me nearly 40 years ago, by a very beautiful girl from South Carolina who thought I was getting altogether too religious. I think she detected in me something of Cadoux' theory and sought to rectify it.

On Saturday, Mother and I went out for luncheon with the Sailors and then to potter about the house. Mary Clark was working and cleaning things up and I got the car, which had been thoroughly overhauled and got a new battery for it and then Mother and I drove up for tea at Piermont. I think Mother has weakened very much in the idea of going back to Englewood at all. Her feet give her so much trouble that she doesn't like to walk about and things are so easy at "52" that I think she rather shrinks from all the care and burden of running the big house again. On our way back from Englewood, she said she had brought her mind to the point of our selling it, if we could. That would mean our settling down in "52 Grammercy Park, and sooner or later, I suppose, buying a little place, say in Northwestern Connecticut, to which I could retire to live the year 'round, or at least all but the winter months, when we could come back to town. In 1931, which is not very far away, I will reach my 65 birthday and will have been 40 years Secretary of the Board. I begin to think there is a possibility of laying this load down then and putting in the remaining years at a number of things I would like to do. I have work enough in mind to last, I imagine, 20 or 30 years, and I should like nothing better than to start in on it about 5 years from now. By that time, however, I think something of this present maelstrom will have settled. There was an article in The Living Age entitled "A Sacrificed Generation" referring to the present transition generation of youth in China. The same thing is more or less true of our own country, any generation that proposes to dispense with past experience and learn it all over again is in for a time of disaster. That theory simply means the utter division of life in a double sense for those who adhere to it; in the first place, they try to cut the present off from the past, which is a pure fiction because they cannot do it. Heredity is too much of a fact. In the second place, this group cuts itself off from all the other contemporary groups in society, all scientific advance is to be made on the basis of knowledge

already acquired and hypothesis already tested and theories already established. No chemist, or physicist or engineer could think, for a moment, of discarding all that has been learned, so that those who propose to do this in ethics, religion and philosophy are separating themselves from the rest of human thought which is forging steadily ahead by recognizing the organic unity of life, both past and present and contemporaneously.

We have all very greatly enjoyed your letters, although some of them were very sad with their account of the student slaughter. One's comfort about this whole time of ferment and transition, both in China and the west, is that the great masses of human life move steadily and unfrantically on. It is a good thing to try to keep in constant touch with these big solid masses, to build into them, to hold fast our kinship we have, day by day, to do what Brutus did, to kiss our mother earth and to feel the quiet steady movement of those great tides that flow beneath the grass.

I got tired last night of other work, about half past 9 o'clock, and first I read some in Rebel Saints, and then I read some in Hudson's The Shepherd of the Downs, and then I read some in Lord Gray's Twenty-five Years. What I liked best was an account of the Wiltshire Downs by Hudson, and of their deep springy velvet, in the days when the sheep kept them cropped close and every living thing got down as near the earth as possible, so as to escape the cropping sheep. I suppose as close to the earth and as high in the sky as possible are the safe places for the soul.

Mother suggested that I should send you copies of the enclosed letters, one from Dr. Coffin to me and my reply to him, with reference to his call to the presidency of Union Seminary which, as you will see, he has accepted.

I enclose also several little clippings, one from Mrs. Clegg who told me in Kansas City, that I was responsible for her, that she had gained her inspiration for her present occupation from a book of mine which some friend had rescued from the waste paper basket and given to her.

Aunt Lizzie North died last Saturday in Washington, a telegram came reporting her death but it did not give us the day of the funeral. I have not been able to go down to Washington. I am also sending you a little memorial Aunt Clara has gotten out containing what I said at Uncle Stewart's funeral; also the resolutions of the Bar Association in Huntingdon.

There are many other things which I should like to write but this will have to suffice today. My present expectation is to sail from Vancouver August 5 and spend three weeks in Japan and go on to Peking sometime toward the end of September. All this may be changed, however,

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May 26, 1926.

Mr. Charles L. Reed,  
General Office,  
General Electric Co.,  
Schenectady, N. Y.

My dear Charles;

It was good to get your letter of April 1 with its news about you and your word from your father and mother. We are all very sorry that they were unable to get to Peking, both for Harnie's sake and because Peking is one of the cities which, by all means, they should have seen. Still they will have seen enough and more than enough to change everything for them. for all the coming years.

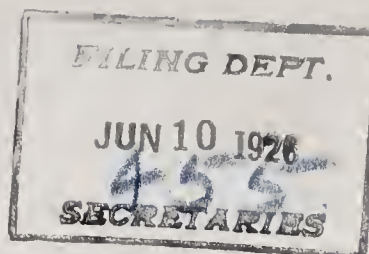
I had a curious experience this week which I thought, at first, must surely involve them. Last Monday morning, I received a radio message from the S/S Paris reading "we are arriving on the Paris." It had no signature. I could not imagine who could have sent it. I knew your father and mother were not expecting to come until June or July, yet I could not imagine who but they would have sent such an unsigned message. I went down to meet the Paris, with our man who looks after baggage, and watched all the passengers coming off the ship, and then looked over the passenger list and searched the deck from end to end without finding any passenger whom I knew. It is still a mystery to me from whom the message could have come.

Aunt Emma and I are still here in New York. We have been out to Englewood a number of times and have had the house put in order but we have not brought ourselves yet to the point of returning. We would be very alone and I have to be away so much, Aunt Emma would be altogether alone. I presume now we shall wait until the end of June when Billy comes home.

I had the Buick jacked up, during the winter, but put it in commission last week and on Saturday afternoon we drove up to Pismont for tea. Billy gets through Hotchkiss June 24 at noon and I promised to be at the door of the school with the car, so that the moment he gets out of his last College Board examination, he and I will start for Diamond Pond to get in 3 or 4 days trout fishing. at the very choicest season of the year. Neither one of us has ever been up there in June when the fishing is at its best. It looks now as though that week would be the only chance I will have all summer for any time off with Billy, as it seems probable now I shall have to sail from Vancouver about August 5 for Japan and China.

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Very affectionately yours,



June 8, 1926.

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer,  
American Presbyterian Mission,  
Peking, China.

My dear Wannie:

It has been a fortnight or more since I wrote you last. Meanwhile, I have been away at the General Assembly. Mother and I had Sunday, May 23, together here and then I left the next day for Philadelphia for the meeting of the Commission of Fifteen appointed by the last General Assembly to study the causes of unrest and to make if possible, a report that might assure the peace, purity, unity and progress of the church. We had already had four or five meetings of the Commission and this was the last one just prior to the Assembly. We were able to reach a unanimous report which was a miracle. Later, it was adopted without change by the Assembly and I think it has gotten us past one set of difficulties. It still leaves 2 or 3 very difficult questions to be worked out but I think we are in much better shape to deal with them now than we could have been if this report (of which I am sending you a copy) had not prepared the way.

After this meeting of the Commission in Philadelphia, I went on to Baltimore for the meeting of the General Council of our Church and some missionary meetings in advance of the Assembly and then staid for the whole week of the Assembly meetings. It was, on the whole, a very good Assembly governed by the spirit of sound judgment and deliberation. As always, there were a few breaks but they were not very important and it was heartening to see the way in which some of the best missionaries like Dr. Waddell of Brazil and Mr. DuBois Morris of China and others who had been anxious about the church took fresh heart of courage and even enthusiasm over the spirit and mind of the church as they met it in the Assembly.

Dr. Thompson, the new Moderator, is a very wise, shrewd, old gentleman, thoroughly level headed and true, full of tact and good humor. He is a combination of the best type of American politician, college president, Christian minister, School Teacher and old Presbyterian elder. He bore himself with great discretion and good humor through the whole Assembly. The two tensest times of the Assembly were, of course, the discussion of our Commission's report and the discussion of the affairs at Princeton Seminary. Two attempts were made to amend the Commission's report but the Assembly snowed them both under and later, in the matter of Princeton Seminary, the Assembly snowed under a minority report which would have vindicated Professor Machen. I was sorry that the Machen matter had to come before the Assembly at all. In the meeting of the Princeton Directors, several weeks ago, we did our best to persuade the majority to withhold the matter and repeated the attempt at the Assembly but in vain. The

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Moderator and the Directors insisted on pressing it through with the result that the Assembly turned them down and has appointed a Committee of Five to visit Princeton Seminary, study the whole situation and report to the next General Assembly.

I came back from the Assembly the day it adjourned, June 2. We have been busy ever since with the new missionaries' conference which closes tomorrow.

The day before yesterday, Saturday, Mother went to a luncheon for the Crown Princess of Sweden and then we went down to Princeton to spend the night with the Stevensons. I spoke at the College Chapel yesterday morning and then we drove over to Morristown and spoke at the commencement religious services of the Morristown School. We had supper at the School and then came back to New York. Tonight, we are going to the dinner given by the Presbyterian Social Union to the new missionaries and tomorrow evening, Mother and I will have the new missionaries from my field for dinner at the National Board.

Mother must write to you about her real estate plunge. Elliott and I have done our best to restrain her but in vain. She went up to Hotchkiss, a few weeks ago, to see Billy and on the way from Millexton over to the School, rode in the jitney with a lady who had a house, the place just outside of Lakeville overlooking the lakes. Mother was so taken with the idea that she forthwith agreed to buy the place, although Elliott was entreating her to come to Northfield and I was entreating her not to buy a house until I sold mine in Englewood. However, now we have two homes, one in Englewood and one in Lakeville, neither of which we are occupying. Mother says she has rented the Lakeville place and can sell it next year if she wants to at a profit, which may be or may not be. I tried to sell the Englewood house to two or three parties but thus far without success. I wish we could sell it for what it is worth, then we could live in the Lakeville house in the summertime and have our apartments here in the winter.

Mother is convinced also that Billy, who has had German measles and who has grown until he is much taller than I am, ought to drop out of school for a while and I believe she is cabling you that he is coming with us and is asking you whether you could join us in Japan. Our present plan, as I have already written you, is to sail on the Empress of Canada from Vancouver, August 5. I think I wrote you also that Dr. Kerr of Pittsburgh is coming along in the deputation. I can think of no minister in the home church who would be more helpful than he. I think I wrote you also of Aunt Lizzie North's death. I had a good letter from James North yesterday. His father had been very sick at the time of Aunt Lizzie's death, so that they could not tell him. He is better now, however, and they have informed him. I do not think he can survive very long. It is sad to have the old folk go but it is sadder yet to have them kept here in suffering and unhappiness.

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Some English people connected with the customs in Ningpo passed through New York, last week; they had letters of introduction from Miss Dickey and we had them to dinner at 52 Grammercy Park. They were very nice people and it was good to get their view of China. I read the other day, the article of Rodney Gilbert in the North China Daily News of April 29. It was a rather dismal picture of the Chinese who were taking refuge in the Legation Quarter at Peking, at the same time that they were so earnestly denouncing extraterritoriality and protected concessions. Gilbert's article was not very sympathetic but, at the sametime, its position was not unintelligible. How can C. T. Wong and a great many more argue that we should all be satisfied with Chinese law, <sup>and</sup> protection when they themselves are not willing to be satisfied but, at once on the outbreak of disturbances, seek shelter under privileges which they denounce. I hope that there will be growing up soon in China a company of steady-minded, courageous men of right principles which they will briefly and consistently live by and that supported by Chinese opinion they will simply put down the Tutchins, once for all, and let China develop peacefully and rationally and organically.

With dearest love,

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dictated Monday,  
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June 18, 1926.

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer,  
American Presbyterian Mission,  
Peking, China.

My dear Harnie:

I am leaving today for 2 addresses in Ohio tomorrow, one at Otterbein College and the other at the State Convention of the Religious Education Association. I am afraid I shall have to accept a degree at the College, although I did all I could to persuade them to give it to somebody else. Perhaps I can pick it up and send it out to you! Some of these commencements are very funny affairs. I went to one last week out on Long Island, at a boys' school, where all wore gowns and hoods and all were hired for the occasion. Several amiable gentlemen who had never worn hoods before had to have them fixed on for them and had no idea whatever what institutions the hoods represented. I hope to catch a train at about 2 o'clock tomorrow night from Tiffin Ohio, back to Altoona, and will stop off there. Aunt Clara will meet me with her car and we will have the afternoon together. I will come on home on the night train.

Last week, I went out to Danville, Ky. to the meeting of the synod of Kentucky. it was a little warm but not bad at all. Thus far, we have had an extraordinarily cool time. Painleve the French Minister of War and one of the greatest French scientists thinks that our control of radio waves is unquestionably affecting the weather and he sees no reason why in time we may not be able to determine rains. He points out that in a closed room radio activity will precipitate moisture and he does not see why this cannot be done some day, on a large scale, in the atmosphere.

I had a whole day for reading on the way back from Danville and have two good books for the trip this week. Mrs. Schaffler always demands how many books I have read whenever we meet. The last time I saw her, I had read 42 since January 1, in which she was ahead of me. Since then I have read 3 or 4 more which will make nearly 50 for the first 6 months. One of the most entertaining of all I have read this year is the Life of Robertson Nicoll. I thoroughly enjoyed also Dr. Tatton's Fundamental Christianity.

I am sending you some bits herewith, under separate cover, that may interest you and mailed you last week copy of the report of the Commission of Fifteen of the last General Assembly.

Mother went over yesterday to Philada. to speak at the dedication of the Y. W. building which they have opened in connection with the SesquiCentennial grounds. She is going over tomorrow to Easton for a couple



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of days with Holly and Patty. Elliott seems to be putting in most of his time at Northfield.

Uncle Ned called up Sunday night to say that Mr. Mornay Williams was very low. I have seen him a number of times this last year and found him weaker each time. Uncle Ned said he might die at any time now or he might linger still for a few days. I have watched each day for any word from Mrs. Williams, she certainly is one of the truest saints on earth.

We were delighted to get your cablegram stating you could meet us in Japan. Billy is looking forward with much expectation to going with us, although he says he would not want to go if it meant he could not go back to Hotchkiss. They are willing to have him return, however, after the Christmas holidays. I have just received this morning a letter from Mr. Buell, perhaps I had better enclose a copy of it. Many happy letters come with regard to Elliott's call to Northfield, one of the nicest was from Paul Moody, although another very nice one came just the other day from E. R. Moody.

Our present plan is to spend 3 full weeks in Japan, perhaps getting away from there about September 8, we would like, of course, to go through Korea and Manchuria by rail; if that is not possible, I think we shall visit Seoul and PyengYang and cross from Chemulpo to Tientsin by boat. I want to get to Peking earlier than planned originally and also to get down to Tsinanfu a few days earlier. If we get away from Japan by the 8th at the latest, we ought to be able to get a few days in Korea, getting to Peking perhaps by Sunday, Sept. 19.

With dearest love from us all.

MS/JBC  
Dictated  
June 15



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MAIL ROOM

I trust that this may reach you before you sail and that you may have a very happy, pleasant voyage home. I am sorry we shall miss seeing you but it will be only a few months before we get back and I hope that perhaps we can meet next Christmas time.

Your loving brother,

RES/V

Mrs. Charles L. Reed,  
c/o Bankers Trust Co.,  
1-5 Place Vendôme, Paris.

My dear Sir:

It was a great pleasure to get your letter of June 2 from Venice. I am glad you are having this time in Europe at the end of your trip. I hope it won't dull the memories of the Asia experience. Certainly you are having a wonderfully enriching time and will have fun times as well to talk about for all the rest of your life as they got out of Anthony Trolopp's autobiography.

I am sorry to have to say that we will probably be gone, just before you arrive. We shall have to leave New York on Thursday, July 15th, in order to pick up William at a boys' camp in Canada for which he started this morning, and then to go on to Paris, with a day's stop at Lake Louise, to catch our boat from Vancouver on August 5th.

The last two weeks have been a busy, pleasant time. I went up first to conferences at Northfield and then Bill and I took the car and went off on a beautiful fishing and motoring trip through New Hampshire and Vermont. We got back without any mishap last Friday and felt very courageous when, instead of turning off uptown and going out to Englewood, we drove right on down to Ramsey Park. We have had a wonderfully cool summer thus far. I don't think there have been more than half a dozen warm days all this year. We must be prepared now, however, for a little warming up.

I stopped in Huntington on an afternoon and evening three weeks ago on my way back from some engagements in Ohio. Aunt Clara met me in Illinois. We got our lunch there and then took a good drive, stopping of course, for a little visit in Alexandria. You will have heard, of course, of Aunt Lizzie's death. Uncle Cole is not at all well and I imagine it will be a great relief to him and to the family when he is set free to join Aunt Lizzie.

I still have a good crowd of three weeks now trying to clear up the recommendations and get everything in shape to get off to China. I hope it can be done. I have just received word from some publishers in London that they are sending all the proofs of a new book which I wrote for them last year and I shall have to put this into these three weeks, too.

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July 6, 1926

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer,  
American Presbyterian Mission,  
Peking, Chihli,  
China.

My dear Marnie,

These last weeks have been so crowded that I have missed sending the weekly letters to you and do not remember now what date the last one went. I am sure I wrote you last before Mr. Mornay Williams' death, which occurred on Friday night, June 18th. His birthday would have been the following Monday. The funeral service was Sunday afternoon, June 20th. Mother went out to it, but I could not do so as I had to speak in the Fifth Avenue Church that morning and afternoon. I enclose a clipping from the New York Times giving a brief biographical sketch. Mrs. Williams is living on for the present in their home and she told me it might be possible for her to keep a room or two and to rent the rest of the house.

Monday night, June 21st, I went up to Northfield to the New England Students Conference, which has gone back to Northfield from Silver Bay, & stayed over Wednesday to speak at an evangelistic conference held under the auspices of the Federal Council. Then Elliott drove me down that afternoon to Springfield, and I came back to New York, Uncle Ned meeting me with his car at the Grand Central Station, and I went out to spend the night there with them. Mother and Billy had already gone, also Patty, the latter to spend the night with the Hazletines. The next morning early we all started off in the car for Northfield via Lakeville, where Mother wished to see the new house. It is a very nice house, well above the Lakes, clean and fresh and simple. From there we drove on to Northfield for Thursday night. The next day we left Patty at Northfield for the Girls Conference and drove on to New London, where Billy and I left mother at noon, at the Shermans and we went on to Colebrook Saturday. Sunday we spent at the Big Pond Camp and on Monday went fishing down the Swift Diamond. The Little Pond Camp was not open yet, but Miss Thompson was coming Tuesday evening, June 29th. The carpenters were here at work rebuilding the dining hall, which fell down under the heavy snows last winter. Mrs. Taylor's new lake was almost complete, but I am wondering whether there is really water enough to fill it and to keep it fresh. Tuesday, the 29th, Billy and I left camp and drove over to the Averill ponds and spent the night there, going on the next day to Franconia, where we fished in Fishin' Jimmy's streams and the next day came down to Northfield, where we picked up Pat and a friend. Friday, July 2nd, we drove all the way from Northfield down to 52 Gramercy Park, mother having come home by rail on Tuesday.

Sunday, July 4th, and all day yesterday, which was a holiday, we spent quietly together, except that I had to speak at the Brick Church Sunday morning. This morning we got Billy off for the Keewaydin Camps in Canada. He will be there until he joins us at North Bay on the Canadian Pacific Railroad, on July 31st. We

expect to stop off for a day at Lake Louise and to get to Vancouver on August 4th, the day before our steamer sails.

You will be very sorry to learn that Mr. Snyder has died. Mother had a note last week from Mrs. Brister of Reading. Camp will never be the same again with the dear old man gone. Indeed, I suppose, we are pretty near the breaking up of camp. I doubt whether the Colemans will be there at all this summer.

Your cablegram asking Mother whether she will stay with you in Peking or whether you should come along with us tramping through the country came to-day. We will talk it over to-night and send you word tomorrow.

Uncle Charlie and Aunt Mig are not home yet. I imagine they will get in a day or two after we start.

It is nice to see Elliott at Northfield and to hear everybody speaking so cordially and affectionately about him.

We were all greatly pleased with your account of Dick Ritter's wedding and am glad to know that the new dress reached you in time. Mother got a gorgeous evening dress, all trimmed with pearls, for Patty at some remarkable sale, and I suppose she will be gathering up some more things to bring out to you.

With dearest love from us all,

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July 14, 1926  
Dictated 13th.

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer,  
Peking, Chihli,  
China.

My dear Marnie,

I trust that the cablegram which we sent Henry yesterday has reached you by this time reporting the birth of Eleanor Rose Speer in Easton on Saturday. Elliott had telegraphed us at once, but his telegram had been placed in the box which belonged to Billy's room at 52 Gramercy Park, although Billy had left last Tuesday and the first word we had of Eleanor's arrival was a telephone message from Mr. Welles Sunday morning. He and Elliott had driven over from Easton to New York on Saturday night. They had had a hard time getting across because of the terrific disaster in the Navy and Army ammunition plants north of Dover. They got to Dover just in the midst of the excitement and had to make long detours so that they did not reach New York until 3:00 o'clock in the morning. Elliott was preaching on the Hudson River boat on Sunday, but got in to see us Sunday evening and drove back to Easton that night. Mr. Welles reports Eleanor as more beautiful than Caroline, but Elliott qualifies this by conservative comments on her nose and hair. Polly is in the hospital in Easton and expects to be there for a fortnight and then, I suppose toward the end of August or September they will move to Northfield, leaving in the hotel this fall and winter while a residence is being built for Elliott.

Billy went off to the Keewaydin camp in Canada on Tuesday. He will be there until he comes down to join us at North Bay on the Canadian Pacific on the morning of July 31st as we are passing through to Vancouver. We are expecting to leave here on the morning of July 29th, spend the night at Montreal and shall probably stop off a day at Lake Louise.

Our present hope is to reach Peking about September 16th, and I shall look forward to having perhaps ten days there. Mother, as we cabled and as I wrote you in my last letter, thinks that she had better not undertake the travel all over China with me. She will stay on for a time, at least, with you, and then decide whether to come down to join me in any of the conferences. They are very anxious for her to go to Manila in connection with the Y.W.C.A. work, and I think that she is disposed to do this if she can. We are not sure whether Billy will stay with her, and you or go with me. We can decide all these questions when we see you in Japan.

The plans for Japan are not definitely settled yet, but I had a letter this morning from Dr. Brokaw indicating that they will perhaps want me at once on arriving to go to the Hokkaido. Immediately on getting back from that trip there would be the Mission meeting, and then the conference with the Japanese.

I get wonderful letters from Aunt Mig and Uncle Charley. If ever anybody got the full measure of profit from a trip around the world, they certainly have done so. They will be getting back to New York just a day or two after we have left.

I think I wrote you that the Glades came to dinner with us one night last week. We had a lovely evening with them with full accounts of their visit to India, the East Indies and China and Japan.

I am sending you herewith a few clippings and the New York Times Book Review of July 11th, with reviews of several books on China.

I have just been correcting the proofs on the little book on "The Church and Missions" which I wrote on the way to and from the Montevideo Congress. It is in the same series as Miss Royden's book on "The Church and Women" edited by Professor McFadyen of Glasgow, published by James Clarke & Company of London. This book is an attempt to deal with some of the immediate aspects of contemporary missionary methods and apologetics.

Mother seems very well, and the life at 52 Gramercy Park is very restful. I was out in Englewood on Saturday afternoon, and it was scorching hot, as it was everywhere last week, but it was beautiful to be in the midst of the trees and the green grass. Saturday night we had showers and the last three days have been ideal summer days.

With dearest love and looking forward eagerly to seeing you soon,

Your loving

RBS:C.